Kinnock begins Mideast visit

LONDON (R) — British Labour Party leader Neil Kinnock flew to the Middle East Sunday for a week long visit that will include a tour of the Israeli-occupied West Bank. "This is an interesting and challenging time to visit these countries and the occupied territories — party because of the tragedy of the situation and partly because we're at the threshold of possible progress," Kinnock told reporters. The Labour leader, a fierce critic of Israel's methods in putting down the Palestinian uprising in the West Bank and Gaza, flew directly to Cairo where he is expected to meet President Hosni Muharak. He is also expected to discuss proposals for an President Hosni Mubarak. He is also expected to discuss proposals for an integrational Middle East peace conference. In Amman, Kinnock will meet senior Jordanian officials before inspecting Palestinian refugee camps in the West Bank. Labour Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and right-wing Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir are both scheduled to hold talks with Kinnock. British Foreign Office Minister David Mellor, the last senior British politician to visit the West Bank, angered Israeli officials by describing conditions at a camp as inhumane and publicly rebuking an army officer for his treatment of refugees.

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Hundreds of anti-occupation protesters

clash with soldiers in Majdal Shams

Anti-Israel revolt

spreads to Golan

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) —

Arabs in the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights

joined the ongoing Palestinian uprising in the

occupied West Bank and Gaza Sunday and

Israeli soldiers clashed with many protesters

in the Golan as well as the West Bank and

Gaza where anti-occupation demonstrations

Israeli soldiers club and kick an arrested Palestinian in the Gaza Strip

Price: Jordan 100 fils; Syria 1 pound; Lebanon 1 pound; Saudi Arabia 1.50 riyals; UAE 1.50 dirbams; Great Britain 25 pence

at Dec. Masri receives envoy's credentials

AMMAN (J.T.) — Foreign Minister Taber Al Masri Sunday received a copy of the credentials of the newly appointed British ambassador to Jordan, Enthony ce Salanda a Reeve. Reeve arrived in Amman a filling test early February to take up his new ries cream post in Amman.

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BAGHDAD (AP)— Turkish Is Cruel an Prime Minister Turgut Ozal is to hunting he pay an official visit to Iraq, the hich es is Iraqi News Agency (INA) red on Febra ported Sunday. INA said the cherisguely preparations for the visit were her hope and discussed Sunday during a meetdiscussed Sunday during a meetrope u ing between Iraqi First Deputy '70 dog Prime Minister Taha Yassio Ramadan and Turkish ambassador to Iraq. The agency did not say when Ozal was due in Baghdad or the nature of talks he is expected to hold with Iraqi officials by fisher class. Ozal met with Egyptian cupier for President Hosni Mobarak in Cairo on Sunday (See page 2). च्यां संस्थात

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ne said Epi leader Najibullah about developments in his country an Afghan
official said. The official said. The message was a solded Te delivered by Foreign Minister Abdal Wakil, who is briefing · Statema Islamic countries following Mos-201 52:d Te cow's announcement last week on a red fir troop withdrawals. Wakil has already visited Kuwait and Libya and will leave Monday for Jordan before returning home on Feb. 17, the official said.

Gemayel in Sudan

KHARTOUM (AP) — Lebanese Anze President Amin Gemavel arrived Sunday for talks with Sudanese - Link leaders on bilateral cooperation. regional issues and the tensioo in war-torn southero Sodao. with Sudanese Supreme Council head Ahmad Al Mirghani later Sunday. He is expected to leave Monday.

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NICOSIA (R) — Greek Cypriots voted in presidential elections Sunday, with no clear victor expected after the most hotlycontested campaign in 28 years of independence. Political analysts Spyros Kyprianoo or any of his three main opponents would win an overall majority, and a run-off vote between the two top contenders appeared certain for next Sunday. Polls closed at six p.m.. First trends were likely before ing.

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: - 10TZ ign Secretary Geoffrey Howe said Sunday that arms cootrol, a Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan and human rights will be the chief issues he will raise in his week. Howe was flying to Mos-500 cow later Sunday for a meeting with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze. Howe is also to meet with Soviet Communist Party leader Mikhail Gorbachev. · 10-125 12

Greek Cypriots vote

midnight (2200 GMT) with the result known on Monday morn-

INSIDE

• Beware of Americans

heightened by the uprising, say

statehood.

restrict their political rights to a limited "autonomy" the only solution Shamir is prepared to consider.

lished its proposals, but Israeli officials say they call for an international meeting in April to launch direct Arab-Israeli talks on interim "self-rule" in the occupied territories, where local elections would be held

Negotiations on the final status of the territories would begin at the end of this year, according to reports.

change for peace."

But an aide to Shamir said the prime minister, whose

Druze, members of an Islamic offshoot who demoostrate annually on Feh. 14, the date when Israel announced that it was annexing the Golan Heights. Several villagers and a police

Police used tear-gas to disperse

huodreds of stooe-throwing

officer were injured during fierce clashes in Majdal Shams, largest of the four villages in the Golan Heights, residents said. Police said 20 Druze were arrested in the village.

It was the first Druze protest since the uprising began oo Dec. 9 in the West Bank and Gaza

About 13,000 Druze and 6,000 lewish settlers live in the Golan Heights overlooking the Syrian border, where from the other side Druze resideots shouted words of encouragement at their demonstrating Druze brethren.

Police closed off access to a shouting hill" where residents on both sides often communicate. 'We are demonstrating to show the Israelis we don't want to

be part of their country. We are Syrian and we want to go back to Syria," said one of several stonethrowing boys in Majdal Shams

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3 Fateh members killed in Limassol car blast

Palestinian ship expected to sail from Cypriot port today

continued.

PALESTINIAN deportees, guests and journalists are expected to leave Athens Monday for Larnaca to board a ship that was rented by the Palestine Liberation Organisatioo (PLO) on a symbolie voyage to return Palestinians expelled from their homeland by Israel.

Informed Palestinian sources said that the PLO had chartered two planes to carry more than 100 Palestinian deportees, 300 journalists and 200 guests to the Cypriot port of Lamaca, where the "ship of return" is said to be ready to leave.

The voyage, which Israel wants aborted, was originally scheduled to start last Tuesday but was repeatedly postponed as the PLO failed to charter a vessel. The PLO accused Israel of threatening shipowners to abort the journey. But Sunday PLO officials in a car bombing Sunday with the

vessel and that all preparations had been made for the trip. The PLO representative in Athens, Fuad Bittar, asked journalists

during a press conference Sunday to be ready to leave their hotels at 11 a.m. Monday. But he refused to disclose details. Sources told the Jordan Times that the PLO's plan was to take the delegates straight to the airport for onward flight to Lamaca. According to the same sources, the PLO was able to rent a ship in Larnaca and

instead of waiting for the ship to arrive in Athens. The sources expected the voyage to Haifa to take a shorter route and oot to stop at the

preferred to sail from Cyprus,

Egyptian port of Port Sai'd as was originally scheduled. Limassol assassinations PLO officials here did not directly link the assassination of

three Fatch officers in Limassol

preparations made for the "ship of return."

Palestinian officials accused Israel of carrying out the assas-sination and said the Israeli operation was aimed against the "western sector" in Fateh headed by deputy of PLO forces Khalil Al Wazir. The "western sector" is directly in charge of the Israelioccupied territories and mastermiods commando operations

The three assassinated Fatch officers were believed to had been in daily touch with the "Unified Command of the Uprising in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip for Coordinatioo." "We do believe, however, that

the timing of the assassination was deliberately meant to create confusioo within the PLO and disrupt the voyage of return," a Palestinian official said. "Yet, at the same time we have oo' doubt that Israel's operation was (Continued on page 3)

right-wing Likud bloc claims

Israeli sovereignty over the en-

tire West Bank and Gaza, re-

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jected any such basis.

King ends state visit to Austria

AMMAN (J.T.) — Their Ma-jesties King Hussein and Queen Noor have ended a four-day state visit to Austria during which the King held talks with Austrian leaders on Middle East peace efforts and secured Vienna's support for Jordan's endeavours aimed at bringing about an international peace conference on the Arab-Israeli conflict.

The King and Queen were seen off Saturday night from Vienna by Austrian President Kurt Waldheim and senior Aostrian officials, Jordan Television said.

Earlier Saturday, the King met at the Austrian Foreign Ministry heads of Arab diplomatic missions accredited to Austria and briefed them on the outcome of his recent tour of European countries and on the talks he had with leaders of these countries.

The King stressed the im portance of his visit saying that it coincided with the Palestinian uprising "which reflects the urgency for bolding an international peace conference to be attended by all parties involved in the Middle East conflict and the five permanent members of the United Nations Security

King Hussein voiced satisfac tion and happiness at the out-come of his talks with the Euro pean leaders and said they expressed full understanding of the Arab position.

Council."

The King also said that his efforts at the international arethe resolutions of the extraordinary Arab summit held in Amman last November.

King Hussein added that the Arab Nation was "united on the need to establish peace in the region and to find solutions to the two major causes in the region — the Palestine question and the Iran-Iraq war — through holding an internation-al peace conference on the Mid-die East and implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 598 calling for an immediate end for the Iran-

Iraq war." The King said Arab-Austrian relations were very strong. Austria has a great role to play in the international efforts to establish peace, he said.

"Despite the pressures against the Austrian President Kurt Waldheim, our deep respect and appreciation for his role on the international arena will not be affected at all," the King said. "These pressures will not affect our appreciation for his highly valued efforts to serve international peace during his term in office as United Nations secretary general," the

Regent, Hayden discuss Palestinian uprising, Gulf war and bilateral ties

By Sa'd G. Hattar Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Sunday held talks with Australian Foreign and Trade Minister Bill Hayden on the oogoing Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza, the Iran-Iraq war and means of boosting bilateral cooperation.

The Jordan News Agency, Petra, quoted the Crown Prince as praising Australia's conduced efforts towards better cooperation with Jordan, especially in the field of research and joint ventures. The meeting was attended

(Continued on page 3) AMMAN (J.T.) — Syrian Presideot Hafez Al Assad Sunday received a message from His Majesty King Hussein on the oogoing Palestinian uprising in the Israeli occupied West Bank

> ments in the regioo. The message was delivered to Assad in Damascus by Prime Minister Zaid Rifai who paid a brief visit to the Syrian capital for

and Gaza and the latest develop-

The Jordan News Agency, Petra, said the message also dealt with the King's contacts in the international level. The King held talks with the leaders of Italy, the Vatican, West Germany, France and Austria this month and the message he seot to Assad was believed to deal with the outcome of these discussions.



His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, holds talks with Australian Foreign and Trade Minister Bill Hayden (centre) in a meeting attended by Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri Sunday (Petra

Syrian President Hafez Al Assad meets with Prime Minister Zaid Rifal in Damascus Sunday (Petra photo)

Rifai's four-hour meeting with Assad Sunday was atteoded by Syrian Prime Minister Mahmoud Al Zu'bi and Foreign Minister Farouq Al Sharaa.

Rifai returned home later

In a related development, Syria

Oman backs

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Likud wants Labour to leave government

TEL AVIV (R) — An aide to mir had oot blocked his moves to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir briog ahout an ioternatiooal said Sunday he hoped Foreign-Minister Shimon Peres' Labour Party would withdraw from Israel's coalition government over divisions on a new U.S.

Middle East peace plan. "It will be very good if they (Labour) decide to leave the government because they are no longer real partners or loyal to the (eoalitioo) agreement they signed," Shamir aide Yossi Ahimeir told Renters.

Shamir, leader of the rightwing Likud hloc, and Peres are split over their approaches to Arab-Israeli peace negotiations, including a new U.S. plan.

"We hope they will leave the government voluntarily. These brutal attacks on the prime minister are unprecedented. Nobody has seeo in any democracy a foreign minister attacking the premier and nevertheless remaining in the government," Ahimeir

Peres said last week that the ongoing Palestinian uprising in the West Bank and Gaza Strip might have been avoided if Sha- ment," Shahal said.

peace conference last year. In an angry rebuttal, Shamir

accused his foreign minister of leaking secret documents to the media and undercutting Israel's posicion in negotiacions. Labour ministers have prop-

osed moving up Israel's general elections scheduled for November 1988 or withdrawing from the coalition government over the stalemated peace process. Asked if Labour would work

for early elections, Energy Minister Moshe Shahal told reporters after the weekly cabinet session: "There is certainly a possibil-

ity. I cannot say until we have heard about the meetings and attitude of the prime minister and

He said Labour could pull out of the government, but it was still unlikely.

"The government is divided evenly into two sections. Which 50 per cent will have the possibility to convince the other part will depend on the talks between Secretary Shultz and the govern-

Soviet call for U.N. Gulf force MUSCAT (R) - Oman would

support deployment of a multinadonal naval force io the Gulf. including Soviet ships, if it helped make navigadoo safer, a senior Omani official said Suoday. But Minister of State for Fore-

ign Affairs Yousef Ibn Alawi Ibo Abdullah said Muscat opposed an arms embargo against Iran to make it accept a ceasefire in its seven-year war with Irao.

Ibn Alawi told Reuters in an interview that Oman wanted to examine details of the Soviet proposal for a multinational force and consult other interested na-

"But we see that if such an idea could be practical to contribute to the safeguarding of oavigatioo in the Gulf, the idea should be supported," he said.

The United States, with which Oman has elose des, has been pressing for mooths for an arms embargo because of Tehran's refusal to accept a ceasefire ordered by the United Nacions.

It wants to stop the Soviets establishing a permaneot oaval presence in the Gulf and rejects an international force.

Asked whether the Soviets were trying to establish a permaneot presence in the Gulf, Ibo Alawi replied: "There is nothing (that) can stop the Soviet Union or other nations from having a presence in the Gulf or other international waters.

"In fact, the Soviet Union has maintained a low presence in the Gulf and as loog as such a presence comes into the context of peace we should not be worried." Ibn Alawi said the push for an arms embargo was unrealistic.

"We are working hard with the U.N. efforts to close the gap between the two belligereot states: We are rather sceptical of other ways and tools to achieve that effect."

"There is an ambiguity and confusion in the positions of the Security Council member states. Therefore we see that the idea of an embargo might not be practical at this time," he said.

Back-pedalling Shamir on collision course with American initiative

TEL AVIV — U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz's Middle East mission faces two early obstacles — Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and

the Palestinians. Shultz is due to visit Israel and other Middle Eastern states from next week to press proposals on the future of the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, where at least 56 Palestinians have died in widespread anti-occupation uprising over the last nine weeks.

Shamir initially welcomed the American peace initiative, but is now back-pedalling frantically, fearing that Shultz is trying to move too far, too fast. Palestinians, their aspirations

the U.S. proposals do not go far

enough, omitting Palestinian

They reject any attempt to rights to self-determination and

Washingtoo has not pub-

In a closed-door speech in Washington, Shultz emphasised the basis of any peace settlement must be "territory in ex-

NEWS ANALYSIS every attempt to exchange territories for peace. We do not believe this is a practical

cabinet meeting. Shamir opposes quick moves

arrangement." Labour and So-

cial Affairs Minister Moshe

Katsav said after Sundav's

Another aide said Shamir, in a letter to Shultz, opposed speeding up the negotiating timetable for Palestinian "autonomy." outlined in the 1978 Israeli-Egyptian Camp David accords. That agreement, rejected by

all other Arab states and the

The new U.S. proposal suggests three years of "self-rule" with talks on a definitive settlement to begin within the first

Palestine Liberation Organisa-

tion (PLO), foresaw five years

of limited Palestinian "self-

rule" with negotiations oo the

final status to begin not later

than the third year.

"No one will seriously sit to conduct negotiations on a temporary agreement when he knows that in another six or seven months, he will have to discuss the permanent status," Katsav said.

Shamir's aide also confirmed the rightist prime minister rejected the idea of an early international meeting to launch direct Arab-Israeli negotia-

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres of the Labour Party has' warmly embraced the American initiative.

Likud-Labour row

As the Shultz visit approaches, relations between the rival leaders of Israel's tattered "national unity" cabinet have reached a low ebb.

In an angry outburst Friday, Shamir publicly accused his foreign minister of leaking secret documents to the media and undercutting Israel's position in the negotiations.

ning to the other side and telling them: 'Don't listen to Shamir, whatever he's selling I'll sell cheaper'," he complained.

The first shots of next November's Israeli election

"How can I negotiate when

my partner is constantly run-

ministers retorted by charging that Shamir had blocked all peace efforts, driving the Palestinians to revolt out of despair.

campaign were fired. Labour

The Jerusalem Post, which supports Labour's position on peace, said in an editorial: "If Mr. Shultz is indeed serious in his determination to start a new American peace initiative... he must find a formula that will deprive Mr. Shamir of his virtual veto power which has so far effectively torpedoed any moves towards peace negotia-

Bot many Israeli commentators doubted whether the Reagan administration could bring about in its last eight months what it failed to achieve in nearly eight years - a breaking of the Middle East peace deadlock.

UNRWA to verify thumbprints of 2 employees provided by kidnappers

BEIRUT (Agencies) — The U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees (UNRWA) said thumbprints alleged to be those of two kidnapped Scandinavian employees provided by their captors were sent Sunday to Stockholm and Oslo for verification.

after a short note purportedly from the kidnappers was dropped at the doorsteps of a Western news agency in west Beirut.

The note, which failed to identify the abductors, said the two captives, Swede Jan Stening, 44, and Norwegian William Jorgensen, 57, would be freed within a week if their current interrogation proved their "innocence.

The note carried no specific charges of which the two captives should be innocent, however.

It said the two were abducted for "security purposes. They will be interrogated in light of the information in our possession. If their innocence is established they will be set free within a

maximum period of one week." The two were grabbed by masked gunmen on the outskirts of the southern port city of Sidon

Israel should take three immedi-

ate steps to end the violence in

the West Bank and Gaza, where

at least 56 Palestinians have been

killed in demonstrations in recent

Carter said Israel should:

Writing in the New York Times

- Explore ways to open mar-

ket outlets for the manufactured

goods and agricultural produce of Palestinian Arabs

Israeli settlements in the West

Announce a freeze on new

Hold municipal elections as

NICOSIA (R) — Iran warned

"If, God forbid, that happens,

the Saudi regime will face dark

City of Mecca.

Carter outlines plans to end

President Jimmy Carter said in a self rule.

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violence in occupied territories

NEW YORK (R) - Former a first move towards Palestinian

Likud Bloc."

"We have asked forensic ex- on Feb. 5. UNRWA has hlamed perts to examine what appears to the abduction on Palestinians be thumhprints," said UNRWA acting individually without any spokesman Niall Kiely, a day political motive or links to any organised faction.

Kiely said Sunday UNRWA "remains convinced that inter-Palestinian differences have played a major role in this whole affair.`

He said the signatures at the bottom of the note "do resemble those of Stening and Jorgensen. But we are not handwriting ex-

"We're not very impressed with the note because it's vague, carries no date and gives no indication to who had sent it," Kiely said.

He also said UNRWA "does not understand the reference to 'interrogation,' 'security' and 'innocence' because Stening and Jorgensen are simply innocent employees of a humanitarian

"We feel the content of the

The latter, he said, had

Carter, who initiated the Camp

David separate peace accord be-

tween Egypt and Israel, said the

steps would not end the current

an international peace conference

convened by the five permanent

members of the United Nations

"Peace is not a zero-sum game. It is a win-win proposition," Car-

Security Council, he said.

That could only be achieved by

"already been advocated hy in-fluential young leaders within the

ture that is emerging about the kidnap matter," Kiely said. He refused to elaborate.

UNRWA has been reducing its foreign staff since the abduction, provoking fears that the agency might suspend its services to 278,000 Palestinians in Lebanon.

Kiely said another international UNRWA staffer, Irishman Sean Collins, field engineering officer, left Beirut for Larnaca, Cyprus, Saturday evening to join the agency's office there.

That leaves only five foreign UNRWA employees operating in Lebanon out of the original 14 international staff.

"We're considering further reductions," Kiely said.

The Iraqi News Agency Satur-day quoted Salah Khalaf, Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat's top security aide, as saying the two Scandinavians would be freed within 24 hours.

The agency transmitted its report at mid-afternoon Saturday. But Sidon-based reporters said Sunday afternoon that there was no indication of an imminent

saves Gemayel from bomb Kiely said Sunday the two kidnapped colleagues were the vic-

Wiring

tims of inter-Palestinian rivalry. BEIRUT (R) - Engineers disco-He told Reuters: "We are convered a remote-control bomb on vinced that it is an internal Lebanese President Amin Palestinian affair. We are saying Gemayel's plane because its wirdefinitely that the U.N. workers ing had disabled the aircraft were the victims of certain radio, the pilot said Sunday. Palestinian differences.

Interior Minister Abdullah He did not elaborate, but Rassi condemned Friday's security sources told Reuters the attempted assassination and six of kidnapping was the result of a ten people being questioned abpower struggle among members out it were released. of the Fateh group.

Pilot Samir Mekkawi told re-"A powerful Fateh leader in porters he and a colleague found Sidon recently had a conflict with the radio out of order as they Arafat and apparently carried out prepared to fly the Middle East Airlines (MEA) Boeing 707 to Cyprus to collect Gemayel for a the abduction to embarrass him and challenge his influence in the South (of Lebanon)," one source trip to North Yemen.

"I called in a special engineer to check the equipment. We saw: a wire which was misplaced and found out it was connected to the aeroplane aerial and a box containing the bomh," he added.

Rassi, a Greek Orthodox Christian and staunch ally of Syria, said Sunday investigators had not determined yet whether the bomb was planted in Beirut or Rome, from where the plane had arrived.

"I strongly condemn this attack. It is against our principles. We are against all these violents acts and methods," he told Visnews television news agency.

Investigators released six of 10 people held for questioning over the attempt on the 47-year-old head of state, judicial sources told Reuters. Most of the 10 were maintenance and cleaning workers who could have had access to the aircraft of MEA, the national

They said the remaining four were civilians

Airport sources said a special committee, comprising military, judicial and technical officials as well as Syrian officers, had been established to carry out the inves-Rassi said the bomb, a pound

(0.5 kg) of explosives attached to a wheel below the cockpit, would have killed Gemayel if it had exploded, opening up a constitu-tional vacuum; tional vacuum: "This is what was intended by

the assassination of Prime Minister Rashid Karami," said Rassi. He was aboard the army helicopter in which a remote-control on June 1, 1987. Rassi was injured in the hlast.

Pro-Syrian opposition leaders have accused the Lebanese army, loyal to Gemayel, of killing Karami hut the culprits were never uncovered. Gemayel has been at odds with

Syria and Lehanese opposition leaders since 1986 when he refused to endorse a Syrian-inspired pact aimed at ending the country's civil war, now nearly 13

Egypt, Turkey sign 5 agreements

CAIRO (AP) - President Hosni Sunday, Ozal and his Egyptian Mubarak Sunday met with Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal, and the two countries signed five agreements to increase bilateral

The official Middle East News Agency (MENA) said that following the meeting between Muharak and Ozal, the Egyptian president hosted a lunch for his Turkish guest.

The agency said that earlier

counterpart Atef Sedki signed an agreement which stipulates the formation of a joint committee headed hy the two countries' foreign ministers which would meet periodically and discuss bilateral relations.

Four other agreements concerning transportation, consular affairs, visas and cooperation in the fields of television and radio were also signed by Turkish and

Egyptian officials, MENA said. Ozal and Sedki held a round of talks before they signed the agreement. Information Minister Safwat Al Sherif told reporters that the talks had centred around problems in the region, including the Palestinian issue and the Iran-Iraq war. Bilateral relations were also discussed.

Sherif said that Ozal had invited Sedki to visit Turkey. Ozal arrived Friday on a fourday official visit.

Iran, Iraq set shippers nerves on edge

DUBAI (R) — Prowling Iranian frigates kept shippers fears of new Gulf attacks high this weekend after a U.S. warship warned off a raiding Iraqi missile

An Iranian frigate questioned a merchant ship near the Revolutionary Guard base of Abu Musa Island in the southern Gulf early Sunday, regional shipping

Several other ships in the central and southern Gulf were heard on radio being interrogated Saturday evening.

One of two Soviet-made C-601 missiles launched from an Iraqi Badger bomber winged past the U.S. destroyer Chandler eight miles away as it escorted four

The Chandler had fired flares from its five-inch guns, forcing the Soviet-built warplane to veer

The crippled Danish supertanker Kate Maerst, towed hy tugboats, headed out of the dangerous Strait of Hormuz Sunday, after apparently being hit in reflagged Kuwaiti tankers error by an Iraqi missile the previous day.

through the Gulf Friday night. Robertson: Qadhafi should have been killed

MERRIMACK, New Hampshire (AP) — Republican presidential candidate Pat Robertson, a former television Evangelist, told a TV interviewer that Libvan leader Muammar Qadhafi should have been captured or killed. Robertson, in a wide-ranging interview with David Frost, said

he would not have hesitated to

kili Qadhafi, that repeated acts of have been taken out of the picadultery should disqualify a potential president and that bomosexuals should receive no special legal protection. Robertson said Oadhafi, whose

adopted infant daughter reportedly was killed during an attack on his headquarters hy U.S. Navy jets in 1986, should to kill him."

"My sentiment was that we should have taken him prisoner, gone after him, somehow taken his power base away from him. whatever that took," Robertson said. "I wouldn't have hesitated

ture completely.

Israel, Norway deny Antarctic nuclear tests

TEL AVIV (R) — Both Israel and Norway denied an Egyptian newspaper report that they had conducted nuclear tests in the Norwegian sector of Antarctica in cooperation with South Africa.

"It is nonsense, just another ournalistic invention," Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman Ehud Gol said of the report in the normally authoritative Al Ahram newspaper, which mentioned three tests in 1979 and Norwegian Foreign Ministry

spokesman Per Paust told Reu-

ters: "This is just meaningless nonsense and pure invention. The allegation is so unreasonable as to cancel itself out." Norway, trying to find out

whether Israel used heavy water bought from Oslo in 1959 to make atomic weapons, will send an official delegation to Israel this month for more talks on the

Israel has refused to confirm foreign reports that it has nuclear weapons, saying only that it would not be the first country in the Middle East to have them.

Sudan returns 5 commandeered British trucks

KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP) — The Sudanese army has only returned five of 15 trucks owned hy the British Oxfam relief agency donated by the British government for the starving population which government troops commandeered in southern Equatoria province fen days ago, the British

emhassy said Sunday. British Consul Jan Lawty told the AP that the emhassy would continue its efforts until the remaining 10 trucks were returned. Earlier this week, the government said it would return seven around the large towns where convoy of 20 trucks taking food to on relief fond.

Sudan. clear that the government troops rebels, mainly Christians and had taken 15 of the 20 trucks, hnt animists, demand more autonthere was no comment from the

famine-stricken areas in southern

government. Last Monday, the British government protested to Sudan "in the strongest terms" the seizure of the trucks and demanded their

Lewty said that the transportation of 400 tons of relief food

of Juha, capital of Equatoria province; would be completed a porters that the army operation Fighting between government troops and rebels in southern

crops and livestock and gather

trucks which were seized from a they become totally dependent The rebels took up arms in 1983 against the Muslim majority Lewty said that it later became government in the north. The

omy and administrative and economic reforms. Troops break siege of Bor

The government reported Sun-

day that its troops ended a 21/2

year old siege by rebels of the southern town of Bor in an operation which left 110 rebels and eight army troops dead. . A military spokesman told re-

to break the siege had started three weeks ago. He said that on the way to Bor, 160 kilometres Sudan has forced thousands of north of the southern provincial sontherners to abandon their capital of Juha, government troops had survived several guerrilla ambushes, which left 110 rebels, seven army soldiers and an officer dead.

> The spokesman would not say for how long Bor has been under siege. But government troops have been besieged in it since June 1985.

He said that government troops had crushed the rebels around Bor, entered the townand provided the besieged troops with supplies.

days," Minister of Islamic Culture and Guidance Mohammad Khatami told Tehran Radio, monitored in Nicosia.

ring Iranians from the annual haj (pilgrimage) to the Muslim Holy Iranian pilgrims during riots at

He said Iran's preparations for this year's pilgrimage in July were on schedule. "We are determined to send our pilgrims as in the past years and do what is necessary... with great enthusiasm and vigour — possibly more than before," he

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Iran warns of 'dark days' if Saudis bar pilgrims More than 400 people, mostly Saudi Arabia Sunday against bar- Iranians, were killed in clashes

> last year's pilgrimage to Mecca. Saudi Arabia hlamed the violence on Iranians holding what it said was a banned demonstration.

> Tehran said the Sandis opened fire without cause on the Iranian pil-

Saudi Arabia's Interior Minister, Prince Navef Ibn Abdul Aziz, said last week that Iranians would be prevented from stirring up trouble at this year's pil-

Freed seamen arrive in Larnaca from east Beirut

LARNACA, Cyprus (AP) — The Danish captain of a cargo ship, held captive by Falangist militiamen in Lebanon for seven weeks after his vessel was found carrying arms to rival Druze fighters, said Sunday he did not know there were weapons

"I know nothing about it. It (the cargo) was listed as foodstuff," said Uwe Biel, 44, captain of the freighter Ingawebh.

He spoke to the Associated Press upon arrival in Larnaca port coming from the Lebanese Falangist port of Jounieh on an overnight ferry. He was accompanied by seven other sailors and his 15-year-old adopted son Chaminda. They were freed

The others 'are two Danes, three Poles, a Srik Lanka and a seaman from Trinidad.

"It is well known that arms were found on the ship," said Ole Neustrup, Danish charge d'affaires to Syria, who accompanied the freed from Lebanon after negotiating with their captors, members of the Lehanese Forces

The ship and its crew were seized on Dec. 27. The Falangist militia had accused the crew of unloading arms for Druze war-lord Walid Junhlatt's Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) militia at a PSP port in Khalde south of Beirut before sailing into the Lebanese capital's harbour, press

reports said.
The PSP is the main foe of the Falangists in Lebanon's nearly

motor man Manu Sabrivadana, Trinidadian cook Andrew Feli-A third Pole refused to give his name, and Feliciam said the

sailor was shaken by the experi-"He has a breakdown, He does

An unnamed underground

group claimed in a statement

Saturday it kidnapped Jan Sten-

ing, 44, and William Jorgensen,

57, of UNRWA, for "security

Kiely told Reuters: "There is a

resemblance between the two

signatures in the statement and

those of Stening and Jorgensen.

We, however, are not saying with

any certainty that they are

The other seamen are: Danish

chief engineer Peter Luccking,

27, and officer Willy Anderson,

47; Poles Eugemusz Wolski and Michal Sosholiski, Sri Lankan

genuine signatures."

13-year-old civil war.

not want to talk to anybody," the Trinidadian said, referring to the Polish sailor. He did not elabo-The crew looked well. At first, they refused to make any com-

they did not know that the ship's cargo was arms. Till now I don't know why we were detained. It's a stupid situation, but it is the truth," said

He, like others, said they were

not mistreated, and no force was

ments, but later told reporters

Lucking stayed on shore only for one week. He was later taken back to the ship to maintain the engines. The rest were placed in three cells at a militia office. "We sat down, lay down. The food was not had. I ney gave us beans sometimes," Anderson

The ship remained in Lebanon. The Lebanese Forces had imposed a news hlackout on the ship affair and publicly denied any ship had been seized or Danish

seamen held.

FOR THE TRAVELLER

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ROYAL JORDANIAN FLIGHTS (Terminal 1)

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glish Service; Saturday 6:30 p.m. Tel. 822605, Rev. Veli.

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WHAT'S GOING ON **TODAY'S EVENTS**

EXHIBITIONS

★ The French Cultural Centre pre-sents: "L'urbanisme Parisien" (urban policy in Paris) at the Gallery of Architecture (until Feb. 18).

★ Course Publics Les Enjeux De L'Art Contemporain at 6:00 p.m. at the French Cultural Centre. ☆ Exhibitious entitled "From Guten-berg to Electronics" and "German Woodcuts from 6 Centuries" at the Jordan University of Science and Tech-nology in Irbid (until Feb. 17).

★ "A Photographic and Folk Art Exhibition", organised by the Embassy of Democratic People's Republic of Korea, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. at Royal Cultural Centre. ITALIAN FILM

FESTIVAL ☆ Italian film festival at the Royal Cultural Centre (until Feb. 18).

CULTURAL CENTRES Royal Cultural Centre .. Tel. 661026/7 American Centre library 644371 British Council French Cultural Centre 636147/8 Goethe Institute Soviet Cultural Centre . Spanish Cultural Centre Turkish Cultural Ceotre Haya Arts Centre 665195
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2.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. - 6:00

p.m. Closed oo Friday.

Folklore Museum: Jewelry and costumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Aminan. Opening hours: 9:00 a.m.-5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 651760.

Jordan Archaeological Mascum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan. Jabal Al Qal'a (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9.00 a.m.-5.00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.). Closed Tucsdays.

Jardan National Callery: Contains a collection of nontines. ceramics. and Jerdan National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics, and sculptures: by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim countries and a collection of paintings by 19th Century orientalist artists. Muntazah, Jabal Luweibdeh. Opening hours: 19,00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. and 3,00 p.m.-6.00 p.m. Closed Toesdays. Tel. 630128.

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Jabal Luwcibdeh, mass in Italian language, meet every Saturday at 5:30

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St. Ephraim Church (Syrian Orthodox) Ashrafieh, Tel. 771751.

Amman International Church (Interdenominational): meets at Southern Baptist School in Shmeisani, Tel. 677534.

> OTHER FLIGHTS (Terminal 2) . Cairo, London (BA)

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 16, Aqaba 22. Humidity readings: Amman 44 per cent, Aqaba 31 per

MONEY EXCHANGE Sunday rates Local sell/buy rates in fils

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Carrot (black)
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Ministry says 27 killed by Israelis in January

Palestinians and injured 950 others in the occupied Arab territories during January 1988, a report issued by the Ministry of Occupied Territories Information Department has said.

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and public sectors.

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by Foreign Minister Taher Masri,

Royal Court Secretary General

Bassam Saket and Australia's

Ambassador in Amman Terry

Prime Minister Zaid Rifai also

met with the Australian minister

and discussed with him the cur-

rent situation in the Middle East,

Petra said. It quoted the prime

minister as stressing that an inter-

national conference on the Mid-

dle East represented the only

vehicle for a peaceful settlement

that would implement U.N.

Security Council Resolutions 242

Rifai also stressed the need for

further efforts towards im-

plementing U.N. Security Coun-

cil Resolution 598 which calls for

Iraq war, Petra said.

habitants. Petra said.

an immediate end to the Iran-

Earlier Sunday, Hayden and

Masri held talks on the Palesti-

nian uprising in the occupied ter-

ritories and the Israeli author-

ities' oppressive and arbitrary

measures against the Arab in-

Both sides exchanged views ab-

out the prospects for convening

an international peace conference

in light of the latest peace moves

on the regional and international

Hayden told a press conference

following his talks that the Au-

stralian views were "identical

with the Jordanian approach

which calls for holding a U.N.-

sponsored international confer-

ence on the Middle East to be

attended by all parties involved in

the conflict." Such a binding con-

ference will "determine the pro-

cesses which eventually lead to

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tests

The report added that the Israeli authorities arrested 5,000 citizens and issued sentences, ranging between imprisonment for several years and imprisonment for few months, against 227

The report added that the Israeli authorities also deported four Palestinians to Lebanon and decide to deport five others and to demolish 22 houses belonging to Arab citizens.

The Israeli authorities confiscated 800 dunums of Arab land in Nablus governorate during January, thus bringing to 2,755,276 dunums the total area of land ing the new 8 kilometre road.

AMMAN (Petra) — The Israeli seized by the Israeli authorities occupation authorities killed 27 since the 1967 Middle East war. Last year the Israelis expropriated 13,693 dunums of land in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, the report noted.

The report noted that Israel has spent a total of \$20 billion on construction of settlements since 1967 and is planning to build 2,000 housing units for Israeli settlers in the occupied West Bank, in addition to the construction of a new settlement south of the West Bank town of Hebron.

The Israelis also announced that they will go ahead with a project for opening a new street, which will divide the West Bank village of Al Kader, near Bethlehem into two parts.

The project implies that 50 per cent of the village land be confiscated and that 20 houses be demolished for the purpose of open-

NEWS IN BRIEF

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Sunday received at the Royal Court chairman and

members of the Amman Chamber of Industry's board of directors

and congratulated them on their election for the chamber's board.

Prince Hassan called on them to intensify their joint efforts in the

interest of the Jordanian economy. The audience was attended by

AMMAN (Petra) - Lower House of Parliament Speaker Akef

Al Fayez Sunday called the House for session Tuesday to discuss a

number of subjects referred to the House by the government.

AMMAN (Petra) — The Cabinet has endorsed the Jordan Electricity Authority (JEA) budget for the current fiscal year.

The Cabinet also endorsed protocol of cooperation in sports and

youth affairs, concluded between Jordan and Indonesia, during

AMMAN (Petra) - Director General of the Meteorology

Department Ali Abanda Sunday said that the country will be

affected by a depression, centred now south east of the Island of

Crete, and is moving slowly towards the area. Abanda added that

as a result of the depression which will be centred over Cyprus this

morning, clouds will accumulate over the area and rainfall is

expected in the afternoon. A gradual drop in temperatures is also

AMMAN (Petra) - Ministry of Agriculture Secretary General

Salem Al Lawzi Sunday said that the government has allocated

JD 570,000 for constructing agricultural roads in the various

governorates of Jordan. Lawzi and Ministry of Public Works

Secretary General Khalaf Hawwari, at a meeting here Sunday,

distributed the allocations among the eight governorates of

AMMAN (Petra) - Ministry of Social Development Secretary

General Mohammad Al Suqour Sunday discussed with Swedish

Ambassador to Jordan Lars Lounback preparations for holding a

symposium on the disabled children. The symposium is designed

for workers in the field of special education from both the private

Symposium to discuss disabled children

the visit of Indonesian minister of youth to Jordan.

Minister of Industry, Trade and Supply Hamdi Tabba'a.

Regent receives chamber board

Lower House to meet Tuesday

Cabinet endorses JEA budget

expected in the afternoon, Abanda added.

JD 570,000 allocated for roads

Temperatures to drop



His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, receives the Canadian parliamentary delegation at the Royal Court Sunday (Petra photo)

Regent receives Canadian delegation

AMMAN (Petra) - His Royal the present uprising in the occu- situations in the region, in gener-Highness Crown Prince Hassan. the Regent, Sunday received at Iran-Iraq war. the Royal Court the Canadian parliamentary delegation, currently on a visit to Jordan, as part of a fact finding mission which will also take them to Egypt and the occupied Arab territories.

The Canadian delegation delivered Prince Hassan a message from Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney addressed to His Majesty King Hussein.

Prince Hassan reviewed with the delegation members the current situation in the Middle East,

pied Arab territories and the Prince Hassan reaffirmed Jor-

dan's stand vis-a-vis finding a settlement to the Arab-Israeli

The Crown Prince reiterated Jordan's call for holding an international Middle East peace conference, to be attended by all parties concerned and the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council.

Prince Hassan also reviewed

al, and Jordan in particular, and stressed the need for continued excellent cooperation between Jordan and Canada.

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The audience was attended by the secretary general of the Royal Court, the Canadian ambassador to Jordan and Jordanian Ambassador to Canada.

Also on Sunday, the delegation was received by Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri.

Later Sunday the delegation left for Cairo at the end of a with the delegation the economic four-day official visit to Jordan.

Jordan, Tunisia sign tax agreement

The agreement laid down the property and industrial and commercial profits, in addition to the income obtained from sea and air freight, shares, dependent and independent professional services effect as of Jan 1989 after exand patent rights.

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan and The agreement also laid down Tunisia Sunday signed an agree- the measures capable of avoiding ment, organising taxation and the double taxation and curbing payment of income tax in both the attempts to avoid payment of

The Royal Jordanian and the criteria governing the imposition National Shipping Lines will beof income tax on immovable nefit from the agreement because their revenues are taxable only in Jordan, where their head offices are located.

The agreement will be put into change of ratification documents

The agreement was signed for Jordan by Income Tax Department Director General Salman Al Tarawneh, for Tunisia hy the Tunisian ambassador to Jordan Said Ibn Mustafa.

from both countries.

After signing the agreement Tarawneb expressed hope that the agreement will reflect positively on commercial exchange and economic cooperation between both countries.

Council praises King's efforts for Arab unity

AMMAN (Petra) — Participants praised King Hussein's serious develop technical education in in the 8th session of Council of and sincere efforts to rally the the Arab World. cable of thanks to His Majesty the whole Arab Nation. King Hussein for his continuous support of the federation.

Arah Federation for Technical Arah fold and to unite their Education (AFTE) Sunday sent a resources for the advancement of

The council pledged to employ In their cahle, participants all resources and capacities to the success of the meetings.

the Arab World.

The council also thanked the government of Jordan for bosting the meetings and for providing the facilities which contributed to

Rifai delivers King's message to Assad

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said Saturday it rejected the new U.S. Middle East peace plan pre-sented by Washington envoy Richard Murphy to regional leaders this week.

Sharaa told reporters the plan, which calls for an international meeting in April to pave the way for direct Arab-Isracli talks, was Regent confers with Hayden not a definite plan.
"Although the U.S. is speaking

about a comprehensive settle-Palestinian people's right to self-determination," he said. ment, we had the impression

(during talks with Murpby) the Israeli withdrawal from all occu-U.S. administration was still pied territories and recognition of thinking of partial solutions. We made it clear that we are against these partial solutions," Sharaa

"We do not think there is a real U.S. plan," Sharaa said. "What we got from Murphy during his lengthy talks here showed the U.S. had some ideas which did not take shape yet."

He said Syria affirmed that any solution to the Middle East crisis should be based on complete peace.

national rights of the Palesti-

"We have also discovered that the U.S. administration's inten-tion is to contain the uprising in the occupied Arab lands rather than find a just and permanent solution for the Palestine question," he said.

Sharaa reiterated Syria's demand for a strong international conference on Middle East

Majdal Shams protesters clash with soldiers

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Asked if the protests had any connection with the uprising in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, "Certainly, but the difference

Union," he said. Speaking about recent peace proposals by the American administration and Egyptian President We are fighting to be reunited." Hosni Mubarak, Hayden said: "We hope that all ideas would be

The Australian minister said

his country regarded American

"involvement" in Middle East

peace efforts as inevitable. "In

fact, I find it very hard to pre-

sume that there could be a suc-

cessful process unless the U.S.

was involved, and also the Soviet

Citing his country's concern over the current state of affairs in the occupied territories, Hayden said the situation could only lead to "the detriment of Israel."

Petra said Masri briefed the visiting minister on Jordan's stand vis-a-vis recent efforts towards achieving peace in the region. Masri made a special reference to the Palestinian uprising saying that the revolt should give strong incentives for the international community to bear its responsibility and join efforts towards arriving at a comprehensive settlement.

Petra said Hayden expressed Australia's understanding of Jordan's stand and King Hussein's stremuous efforts for peace.

Minister of Industry, Trade and Supply Hamdi Tabaa and the visiting minister earlier held talks which culminated in the signing

of a new trade agreement. The agreement entails setting up a joint committee to work as a new mechanism to further diversify and increase the volume of trade between Jordan and Au-

village of the West Bank. Residents of Salem, near Nabis the Palestinians are fighting to lus, told the Israeli weekly Kol win their homeland. We already Ha'ir last week that the four were have ours and it has been taken.

unconscious when they were dug up shortly after being buried by The village main street was order of an army officer on Feb. bttered with stones and tear-gas

The boys said they were

The army said Sunday it was ordered by troops and West Bank investigating a report that sol- Jewish settlers to remove roadbdiers used a bulldozer to bury locks erected as part of a demonalive four young Palestinians in a stration and then to lie on the ground where they were beaten and covered with earth.

A senior official of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) said in Tunis Feb. 6 that armed Israeli settlers bad buried alive four young Palestinians in the village. The army denied the allegations at the time.

PLO ship expected to sail from Larnaca today

(Continued from page I) directed against the western sector'," he added.

Two of the assassinated Fatch officers - Marwan Kayali, commander of the Palestinian Jarmak commando hattalion, and Mohammad Bassem Sultan Al Tamimi, better known as "Hamdi' --- were close aides of Wazir. But PLO officials here said that the assassinations would not disrupt the planned voyage.

Greek security forces have tightened measures to ensure the security of the Palestinian officials, deportees and observers here.

Despite the PLO's confirmation that the "ship of return" will sail, scepticism still prevailed here, especially that Palestinian

officials refused to disclose any details. Journalists were receiving, until Sunday evening, conflicting and contradictory reports from Palestinian officials. While of being behind the slayings.

some officials confirmed that the PLO had decided that the ship was going to leave from Larnaca others said that another option of waiting for the vessel in Athens was being discussed.

Other Palestinian sources told the Jordan Times that the PLO was still negotiating with an owner of a Greek ship. According to the sources, the owner of ship was demanding that he receive permission to dock at Haifa before entering any charter agreement with the PLO.

Agencies add from Limassol: The three officers of Fatch were killed when their booby-trapped car exploded Sunday.

Police said the bomb went off around noon (1000 GMT), killing the antomobile. In Athens, PLO spokesman

Bassam Abu Sharif accused Israel

"Israel started this open war after losing the secret war concerning the ship of return," he

Describing the victims as "leading military cadres" in the PLO, he said: "This is a clear proof once more... the Israelis continue their terrorism not only against our population in the West Bank and Gaza, but also elsewhere."

In an official statement, the PLO vowed revenge against Israel.

"They were murdered by the Israeli Mossad secret service," the PLO said in a statement from its Cyprus office.

"This ugly new crime committed by Israeli intelligence will not the three instantly and destroying pass without retribution. The people of Palestine and their revolution know how to teach the Israeli enemy a lesson they will not forget," it said.

Regional meeting urges new strategies, reforms in medical education

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The Eastern Mediterranean regional conference for medical education opened under royal patronage Sunday at the University of Jordan, where participants called on reaching a consensus on new strategies and action plans for a reform in medical education in the region.

The objective of the four-day cases that refer to the bealth conference, which includes parti- centres are treated there; five per cipants from different parts of the Middle East, is to form recommendations on reforming medical education, based on local needs, Dr. Kandil Shaker of the local organising committee said in the opening ceremony.

He added that the task of this meeting is reviewing the national reports from the countries of the eastern Mediterranean.

Kandil explained that the increased need for medical services resulted in a need to reevaluate the medical education system, including the curricula and methods, and remold them cine and other fields in its nationaccording to each country's allanguage, and has been doing

Professor Henry Walton, president of the World Federation for Medical Education based in Edinburgh, Scotland, and inmator of developing the educational policies, said that the task of the federation is to reform medical school education and post-graduate training.

"The federation will constitute a declaration in a conference in August this year after all the six regional recommendations are presented," Walton said.

The World Federation for Medical Education will then present it to the executive board of the World Health Organisation (WHO) to be passed to the World Health Assembly, after which the implementation phase will be carried ont hy each nation.

"Implementation of the recommendations will be on national, regional and global levels," Walton said, assuring that some of the recommendations requiring political action will receive atten-

Dr. Mahdi Abu Dahah, speaking on behalf of Minister of Health Zaid Hamzeh, emphasised that primary health care education must be a major part of the curricula used by medical students. He said that graduating doctors who are able to prevent illnesses are more essential than doctors who cure illnesses.

Abu Dahab added that this conclusion came as a result of statistics on the number of patients visiting primary bealth care centres around the Kingdom. "More than 95 per cent of the cent are referred to regional hospitals without being sent to central hospitals."

Use of national language

Abu Dabab also called on the conference to consider the importance of teaching medicine in the national language rather than a foreign one — a decision that was taken by the Arab bealth ministers after extensive studies conducted by the WHO.

Syria was cited as an example of a country that teaches mediso from the beginning of the

Syrian doctors who graduate from their own schools are still capable of specialising in any university in the world, and are and other sectors, and to enter able to successfully study in foreign languages. Syrian universities also have access to foreign periodicals," Abu Dahah noted.

He added that there will be obstacles in the "Arabisation" of medical education, but that these obstacles will hopefully be an incentive to reach this goal.

The University of Jordan president, Dr. Abdul Salam Majali. wbo opened the conference, called on rejoining the Faculty of Medicine and other health faculties to the main university campus to eliminate isolation characteristics of future medical graduates.

Majali said that as a means of reforming medical education, "hasic medical sciences should be taught for the sake of the profession and not for their own individual sake. The medical student and the general practitioner would derive such benefit if they follow courses in either clinical or community medicine."

He added that the medical curricula should incorporate community medicine courses to be taught at all levels.

Field study

The president continued to say that he believes professors of clinical medicine should accompany their students to the field more often than is currently being done, in order help introduce students with what is beyond the

Majali said, medical instructions should be regarded as a performance of one medical team. "In order to broaden their knowledge and deepen their human feeling. students should follow courses in art, social sciences, law, and so

Also speaking at the opening of the conference was Eastern Mediterranean WHO regional director, Dr. Hussein Gezary. He said that because a doctor's task is "to relieve the sufferings of one's fellow men and women. rich and poor, in a spirit of equity and justice, and to give them guidance on how to prevent unnecessary sickness in the future," medical teaching has to be seriously concerned with promoting and protecting health, pteventing disease, and curing ill-

He expressed his behef that doctors must be educated to fight for health as well as against dis-

Gezairy said that medical students should be trained "to be able to plan and be part of a planning team, to manage people and services, to sustain dialogue and encourage cooperation with (and partnership between) health into dialogue with ordinary people about their basic needs and problems in a language they

He added that they must have the ability to teach people about health, to get people to contribute to preserving and protecting their own bealth and to generate practical and moral support for activities aimed at improving community health.

Dr. T. Fulop, director of the Health Manpower Development at the WHO headquarters in Geneva, gave a summary of his working paper which deals with the use of medical manpower to achieve health for all by the year

He said that the key to achieving this goal is primary health care, and that medical students should be trained to perform in this hasic field.

"If we want our doctors to be well-educated in primary health care, students must be community-oriented, to be trained in teams, and they must be prepared for problems they are to face ovintegrating them on problembasis, using problems relevant to community needs," Fulop sug-gested. He added that by going outside to be trained, "rather than being lectured to death." they would make responsible and efficient doctors.

Cabinet endorses draft law to promote tourism

bas recently endorsed a draft law to promote tourism in Jordan and has referred it to the Parliament for debate and approval. The new law — designed to promote tourism, develop tourist

resources and increase their contribution to the national economy - provides for the setting up of a higher council for tourism, chaired by the minister of tourism and includes ministers of interior, industry, trade and supply, finance, bealth, planning, culture and national beritage, director general of the Social Security Corporation, secretary general of the Ministry of Tourism, and three members from the private sector.

The council will be entrusted with drawing up the general policy on tourism and will supervise its implementation.

The council will also propose draft laws or regulations on tourism and will recommend concluding tourist agreements with countries, international organisations and institutions.

Also among the duties of the new council will be the establishment of tourist and hotel training schools and drawing up their programmes and the criteria governing their licensing.

The council will also fix the prices and wages of the various tourist services and will have the power to amend them as and when needed. It will also specify the necessary incentives for marketing and promotion of tourism.

The new law also provided for forming a special committee, which will be designated as "tour-

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The new law aims at organistourism in Jordan in conperation training and marketing purposes.

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Enough vulgarity

AT a time when serious efforts are moving fast to convene an international conference on peace in the Middle East, the likely decision by the United States to close the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) mission to the United Nations could not come at a worse time. All scenarios for holding a peace conference envisage the participation of the PLO in one form or another. Shutting the mouth of the PLO at this stage, when the world is trying to cultivate a sound basis for the PLO's indispensable role in the peace process, is a needless setback to peace in the Middle East. The closure of the PLO mission in New York, coming on the heels of the closure of its information office in Washington, augurs bad for the conference idea. This isolated U.S. stance against an international conference assumes more ominous proportions in view of the world-wide support for holding such a conference as the only viable approach to Mideast peace.

We think the voice of reason will inevitably prevail in the tug of war between Washington and the PLO. The decision of United Nations Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar to invoke the dispute-settlement procedure set out in 1947 is clearly the only decision that the United Nations can take over this bizarre issue. By asserting that an impasse has ensued over the PLO's presence in New York, the secretary general was forced to seek arbitration in accordance with standing procedure in such situations involving a dispute between the international organisation and the U.S., the host country. No matter how the U.S. will respond to United Nations opposition to its absurd decision against the PLO, it will be first and foremost a political, rather than a legal response. The intolerance manifested by Tel Aviv and Washington towards Palestinian nationalism and the PLO will probably go down in Middle East history as the two principal obstacles to genuine peace. The PLO cannot be coaxed towards further moderation by such means. Israel and Washington should stop being so. stupid, so hypocritical and so vulgar.

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Al Ra'i: Shultz pursues Camp David

THE U.S. State Department said that Secretary of State George Shultz will arrive in the Middle East around Feb. 24 to try to revive the peace process. At the same time U.S. analysts cast their doubts about the prospects of Shultz's moves which call for direct negotiations that would ultimately lead to antonomy rule for the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Although no details about Shutlz's plan have been disclosed, its general outlines as presented by these analysts indicate that it is no more than a carbon copy of that included in the Camp David accords which has been rejected by the Arabs and which failed to bring Israel and Egypt closer together. If the views of these analysts are true, then it is clear that Washington is still determined to swim against the current and against the unanimous views of the international community of nations which demand an international conference for achieving a just and durable Middle East settlement. If Shultz insists on reviving the question of autonomy rule, then his new initiative in the area will be doomed to failure. The autonomy rule idea as drawn up by the Camp David accords tends to place more obstacles in the path of a durable peace rather than help the different parties reach a lasting settlement, guaranteeing a total Israeli withdrawal and the return of the rights and the lands of the Palestinian people.

Al Dustour: Shultz brings new plan

IT has been confirmed that U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz will be making a tour of the Middle East region later this month during which he will carry a new plan for reviving the Middle East peace process. Although there have been contradictory reports and ideas about the new plan, it is clear that the U.S. administration is determined to revive its own "peace efforts" following a deadlock that lasted almost four years. There is no doubt that the current popular uprising in the occupied Arab territories bas prompted the U.S. administration, which is in the last phase of its mandate at the White Hnuse, tn play a role in stimulating diplomatic efforts and moves leading towards a settlement. The U.S. move was also prompted by a failure on the part of the Israeli government and its occupation forces to put down the current uprising and the on-going world-wide condemnatinn of Israeli practices against the Arab population. Israel which is now totally impotent in the face of the Arab revolt and world-wide anger is split on the question of occupation; and has entrusted its Foreign Minister Shimon Peres of playing the role of accepting the American plan which is opposed by its Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir. We bave little faith that the new U.S. plan will be successful in view of the situation inside Israel and since the U.S. administration has lost all credibility in our region.

Sawt Al Shaab: Iran-Israel connection

IRAN and Israel have reportedly agreed on a transaction which could be detrimental to the Arabs at a time when the uprising in the occupied Arab territory against Israeli oppression continues and more Arabs fall victim to Israeli crimes and atrocities. Reports said that Iran has agreed to barter its thousands of Jews, who would settle in Israel, for badly needed arms with which the Tehran regime will pursue the fight against the Arabs. In this transaction Iran would be able to maintain its war and its aggression on the Arabs, which serves Israel's purposes, and at the same time Israel will have more maopower at its disposal to recruit troops for putting down any uprising in the occupied Arab territory. The Iranian regime which continues to reject U.N. Security Council Resolution 598 to end the war with Iraq is clearly determined to pursue its expansionist objectives in the Arab World. With the arms it bopes to get from Israel, Iran plans to perpetuate its mad and devastating war in the Gulf region, regardless of the thousands of Muslim people that could be killed in the fighting, and the material loss for the Arab and Iranian people. Iran's rulers who have been committing atrocities against their own people are now embarking on a new crime against

Beware of Americans bearing plans

By Waleed Sadi

I THINK the Arab World should be on maximum guard these days especially in the wake of the launching of the so-called new American initiative, lest the disinformation campaigns associated with it sow more distrust and suspicion among the Arab countries, governments and peoples alike. As the recent U.S. scheme is already dubbed a "bag of mixed ideas," it must be treated as such as its fallouts are already causing more harm than good. It certainly succeeded in confusing the world at large especially the parties directly concerned with the Palestinian case about the real intentions that lie behind the initiative and more so about its objectives. Upper most on the minds of the Arab World is whether the whole new American exercise is just an effort to absorb the after-effects of the Palestinian uprising and diffuse the situation there. This much Prime Minister Zeid Rifai has already said in the clearest possible terms when in an interview with the London based Mideast Mirror journal be described the newest American belated adventure into Middle Eastern diplomacy as sheer "gimmicks to defuse the popular uprising in the occupied territories and assist Israel in coping with the situation." A few days later, Mr. Rifai casted even more doubts about the whole U.S. initiative when he reaffirmed that Jordan will never waver over its commitments to convening an international on-going conference with the participa-tion of the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council in addition to the concerned Arab parties including the PLO. On a previous occasion connected with the events in the occupied territories Mr. Rifai confirmed that Jordan is openminded on the mechanics and modalities of the PLO participation in such a conference which could take the form of an independent

party or a co-partner with the Jordan in the shape of a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation. These declarations by Jordan were intended to allay any fears or suspicion about the clear and real Jordanian intentions and perspectives with regard to the flurry of political activities that ensued from the Palestinian uprising. Thus Jordan is on record that it will not entertain any dubious or questionable alternatives to the international conference format no matter how the bait is sugar-coated.

And while the newset American plan continues to construct a fertile climate of suspicion and distrust in the region and has succeeded in extenuating the environment of doubt that surrounds the whole peace process in the Middle East, no one has succeeded thus far in delineating with precision its principal features beyond referring to them as still subject to the dynamics of "give and take" among the parties concerned with the Palestinian case and the Arab-Israeli conflict. And concurrently with the precipitous news reports deliberately laundered to give the impression that the Arab parties and Israel have given the green light to the U.S. novel proposals, there are still solid news reports that the Arab parties still cling to the principle of a full-fledged international conference and that the Israeli prime minister has already torpedoed three fourths of the U.S. scheme, whatever it is.

This leads to questions: Would it not have been wiser, more functional and considerably more operational if the talk about the American plan was withheld until this American offspring completed its gestation period? Is it not more likely that the U.S. is heading for another political miscarriage in the Middle East simply because its newest fetus has been tampered with too much and too

prematurely by too many instruments and interferences? Has it not crossed the U.S. administration's mind that anything coming from Washington now will be a suspect if for no reason other than that the Reagan administration is now a lame duck administration? Where was the U.S. all those passed eight years and why just now we witness sparking new American initiatives? Is it conceivable that the U.S. bas been caught by surprise and was literally flabbergasted with the events which have unfolded in the West Bank and Gaza Strip? A super high-technology country as the U.S. which is capable of detecting the smallest of tremors, literally and figuratively, anywhere in the world cannot be presumed as surprised by the Palestinian uprising. What is even more troubling is the fact that such an American peace plan offers Israel, especially Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir ample opportunity to play for time to diffuse the situation in the occupied territories and to pull the carpet from under Shimon Peres and his party. By a modest stretch of the imagination, the latest U.S. peace plan advertently or inadvertently has come to the rescue of no one other than the Likud Party in Israel. In the final analysis it is a desperate effort to scitate the self-rule formula as deeply engraved in the Camp David accord's lime stone. As Shakespeare would have said: what's in a name? That which we call a self-rule, by any other name would smell as bad!

To be fair, my comments are also based, perhaps prematurely, on the proliferation of interpretations that the American peace plan has been accorded. I could be totally wrong for being hasty but I think the U.S. was doubly more wrong in not treating this whole exercise in a more delicate and sensible manner.

Palestinians in Israel may feel the backlash

By Israel Shahak

AS THE CRISIS in the occupied territories and particularly in the Gaza Strip continues, the role of the Palestinians who are Israeli citizens becomes more important than ever. This role and the reaction to it by the Jewish extreme right (not only Kahane hut also Sharon) can have very important consequences.

It should be remembered that although they are subjected to many discriminations, the Palestinians who are Israeli citizens enjoy the right to vote in elections to the Knesset and (in most cases) to the municipal councils, and have wide rights of political organisation, demonstration and freedom of expression, which, while not being as great as those enjoyed by Israeli Jews, are never-theless considerable. However, what makes those rights so important is the role they play in Israeli political life.

The political picture, particularly since the 1981 elections, is characterised by the very rigid support eojoyed by the two great camps into which Israeli Jews are divided. One includes Likud, all religious parties, and the rightwing extremists such as the Chiya Party; the other includes the Labour Party, together with everybody else. It should be made clear that this deep and real

politicians and the majority of the voters can have the same opinions about the occupied territories or the Arab countries as the majority of Likud (except Sharon and his few supporters). This is are regarded by the great majority of Israeli Jews as falling within foreign politics, except when the number of Israeli Jews being killed at least equals the number killed in traffic accidents. The Palestinians or Lebanese who are killed interest only a small minority, and even though this minority is stronger in the general public than in the Knesset, there is immeasurably greater interest

"The Palestinians or Lebanese who are killed interest only a small minority of Israelis."

and concern in the fate of the Israehi soldiers in the occupied territories and in their "suffering" than in the borrors done to Palestinians by them.

However the situation changes dramatically when the problems can be defined as "internal Israeli" ones, and even more division concerns primarily what when they are "Jewish prob- Israeli Jews and the total of Jews, especial may be called "Jewish affairs." In lems." The half-yearly attempts Israeli voters of whom about 15 among them.

the Labour Party, most of the to pass the "Who is a Jew" law are the best attended events in the Knesset, practically the only occasion when all the members attend. The cinema issue in Jerusalem (on the question whether the cinemas can open on Sabbath because the occupied territories. Eve) draws many more demonstrators on both sides than the horrifying oppression in the occu-pied territories. These are the facts of life in Israel, and much as I deplore the attitude of those for whom the right to attend a cinema or a theatre is more important than the murder of Palestinians, their political significance cannot be ignored.

On these 'Jewish questions,' the Israeli Jews are deeply polarised, and all polls and other researches point to the conclusion that after the age of about 22-25, people don't pass from one of the two big camps into another. Comparison of the voting results of 1981 and 1984, together with that real changes take place only between parties of the same basic opinions on "Jewish questions," people who form a different opinwards stick to it) and so "pass" to the other camp is about equal.

However, at this point we

per cent are Palestinians. Among all the Israelis, the camp of the. Labour Party and everybody else on the left has a slight majority of about 55 per cent, as is reflected in the composition of the Knesset. This is wholly due to the Arab vote, of which about 40 per cent goes to Labour and to other left-wing Zionist parties, about 50 per cent to Hadash (the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality headed by the Israeli Communist Party) and the Progressive List for Peace, and only about 10 per cent for Likud and the Jewish religious parties. In the Israeli Jewish community, Liknd; together with its allies, has a clear and stable majority of at least 55 per cent,

This situation, which was pointed out by a few after the 1984 elections, became a matter of intense and increasing public debate in Israel. It became appanumerous other data, all suggest rent to the public that the fact that Peres became prime minister in 1984, and that he, and Rabin, continue to be important minisand that the number of the young ters in a national unity government is due, above all, to the ion than their parents (and after- Israeli Palestinians. This has also become apparent to the Israeli Palestinians themselves. It has become an important subject for should distinguish between the discussion among the Israeli Israeli Jews and the total of Jews, especially the more racist

Israel is, below a thin veneer of ity in their own camp. politeness, a racist society, but the degree of racism, specially when it conflicts with "good manners." differs. For many Jews, the now obvious fact that "the Arabs" or "the Gentiles" determine who is to be the prime minister of the Jewish state, and that Palestinian members of Knesset vote on the "Who is a Jew" law, is intolerable. Since the Jewish racists and chauvinists inside Israel are becoming less and less inhibited by the norms of polite society, they and their elected politicians express those views quite openly. Declarations that the Israeli Palestinians are a

cancer to be excised, or that the

"It became apparent to the public that the fact that Peres bein 1984 was, above all, due to the Israeli Palestinians."

way to obtain peace in the territories for 30 years is to kill 500 Arabs a day instead of the three or four a day, are accurate quotations from Likud MK's (Michael Eitan and Benny Shalitta) which brought them increased popular-

Naturally, the person who

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sensed the trend some months ago and who exploits it most is Ariel Sharon, who has now made the proposal to deprive most Israeli Palestinians of their vote in Knesset elections as one of the most important issues of his political programme (together with; the conquest of Jordan, the killing of Yasser Arafat etc.). Although most other Likud leaders have not come out in support of this programme, there is no! doubt that the popularity of Sharon is increasing fast, specially among the religious. The Israeli Labour Party knows very well. that support of this aspect of Sharon's plan is equivalent to political suicide, and therefore will prevent it, which at present it ? can do; but the question is what: will happen in the next real crisis! (from the point of view of the! came prime minister majority of Israeli Jews, of I do not pretend to know the

answer, but I know that the very fact that the right of Israeli citizens who are Palestinians to vote is now the subject of serious discussion in Israel, illustrates the dangers of increasing Jewish. chauvinism and racism to all the; peoples of the Middle East, including, of course, the Jews: themselves - Middle East International, London.

South Korean press enjoying increased freedom

By Paul Shin The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — The South Korean press is enjoying a hroad degree of freedom after years of tough official control even though critics claim the government still controls the news.

Few observers would deny that press freedom has increased greatly since last summer with the nation's newspapers vigorously reporting and commenting on politics and other subjects that for years were limited or banned by the government.

President-elect Roh Tae-Woo, who takes office Feh. 25, promises to ensure full press freedom and made it a key point in his campaign. The government began easing press restrictions last summer under pressure from

"We have done much and there should be nothing to complain about," Assistant Culture-Information Minister Lee Jung-Bae told the Associated Press in a recent interview.

Journalists agree the government has ahandoned most controls on the domestic press such as regular visits to newspapers by security agents and "press guidelines" that dictated what could be reported and in what way.

Government requirements on registration of journalists have been dropped and new legislation will end limits on newspapers having news bureaus outside their home towns. There also will be no limits on the number of pages a oewspaper can publish daily.

"The ball is in the court of the news media. It's up to them," said Rep. Lee Min-Sup, a ranking member of Rob's ruling Democratic Justice Party (DJP).

'Hidden bands'

Opposition politicians and dissidents contend much of the press still remains under government

severely curtailed by the government's "hidden hands."

Roh, candidate of the ruling DJP, defeated rival opposition leaders Kim Young-Sam and Kim Dae-Jung in the Dec. 16 presidential elections. The opposition contends that Roh will continue the authoritarian rule of his ally and mentor, ontgoing President Chun Doo-Hwan.

Rep. Kim Tae-Ryong, spokesman for the main opposition Reunification Democratic Party (RDP), said, "No basic changes have been made and the press still is no more than a public relations tool of the govern-

The opposition claims the government is exerting strong behind-the-scene influence and control ranging from intimidation to patronage and bribery. They also contend the media is packed with government supporters.

Rep. Ahn Dong-Sun, spokes-man for the opposition Party for Peace and Democracy (PPD), said press freedom was limited by 'domesticated' journalists practising "self-censorship," But opposition officials have

trouble in backing up charges, many of which appear based on anti-government sentiment and frustration that their opinions do not receive more attention.

Kim Tae-Hong, secretary-general of the dissident Council for Democratic Press Movement, said, "Essentially, Roh is the same as his dictatorial predecessor. He would not give in easily. We must continue to fight for press freedom."

Editors reject the charges

Several editors and reporters rejected the opposition charges of self-censorship, but said they want to belp ensure "sound political development" without endangering social stability.

One senior editor, who like other journalists would not be control and that press activity is named, said many journalists

were cautious because the people who curbed the press would remain in power since Roh won the election.

"It's true that many journalists remain guarded. They suspect the true intention of the government," he said.

The opposition singles out television for criticism, saying the country's two state-owned networks, that are the only stations, just project the government viewpoint. They say opposing points of view receive little attention or are distorted.

Korea Broadcasting Sytem (KBS) spokesman Lim Ung-Shik rejected the opposition's charges of bias, saying, "Our news and other programmes are fair by any

Lim said KBS has recently started some new important programmes, including talk shows, to which opposition figures are regularly invited.

Government officials say the criticism may end after a neutral broadcasting committee is set up in June as required by a new law to nominate the heads of the two makers will be appointed to serve culation of 12 million. on the committee to ensure fair-

The government is also preparing to inaugurate next month a new press law that would replace old laws that were used to enforce government control. A key change in the law is dropping a requirement of government approval to start new newspapers.

Seven newspapers have so far applied to start publication under 20 national dailies in South Korea

networks. Some opposition law- with an estimated combined cir-

The first beneficiary of the new law would be a newspaper some. 200 dissident journalists plan to publish this spring with support from 3,300 sponsors, including 1,000 college professors, 100 lawyers, 200 religious leaders and 200 literarymen.

Song Kun-Ho, president of the newspaper, The Hankyorch Shinmun, said the project will be funded with 5 billion won (\$6.8 the new law. There currently are million) to be raised through pub-





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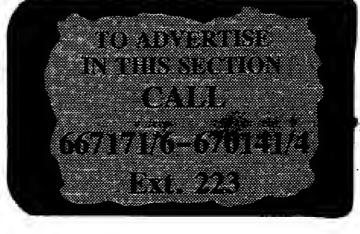
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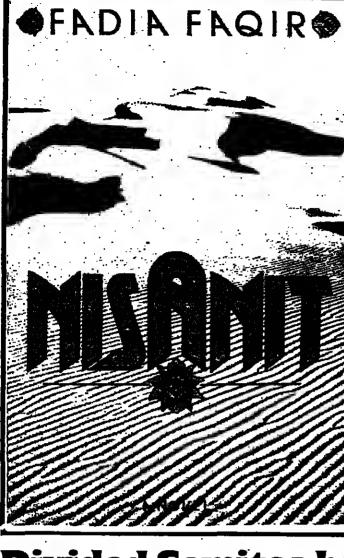
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THREE narratives depicting different socio-political thoughts are presented to show love, compassion, sacrifice, suffering and lost innocence in an atmosphere of conflict, hatred and oppression.

Fadia Fagir's Nisanit, her first published novel, is a complex story of a buman struggle to live in dignity in an oppressive society. Faqir presents her themes through three different points of view in two separate settings and time spans.

The three main characters are Eman, a young Arah woman living in Rahmah, the Democratic State of Ishmael; Shadeed, a Palestinian commando from a refugee camp in Nablus; and David, an Israeli soldier. The two major narratives are those of Eman's and David's. Eman's point of view starts ont in the novel from the time she was a child; Shadeed's and David's, from the 1980's. The author's use of time goes back and forth from 1969 to 1985; and from the democratic state of Ishinael to occupied Palestine and the democratic state of Israel.

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Eman, the child, experiences ber first encounter with oppression when soldiers in Rahmah break into her family's home to take away ber father who was accused of trying to overthrow the leader. Luln, her favourite and only doll, was ripped open by the authorities at the same time her father was taken away. So at a very young age she has lost the two that she loved very dearly. When later on her baby sister dies of starvation, Eman feels that she should not love anyone any more because every time they would be taken away from her. In 1977, now a teenager, and watching her father's hanging for his political beliefs, Eman, in a very moving and hair-raising scene, hreaks into hysterics shouting that she hated her father because she felt responsible for the loss of her loved ones.

When Eman visits Palestine for the first time she belplessly falls in love with Shadeed. She tries to supress ber love in fear of also losing him. Shadeed is a young determined Palestinian commando who is caught hy Israeli authorities after be and a group of fighters mount an operation against an enemy target. Shadeed, the only survivor from his group, is taken and hrutally tortured by David while being interrogated by an officer. He does not confess to anything despite all the crazy forms of forture used against him.

David the Pole

David is an inferior Polish immigrant who bas been working in Beer Speeva prison as a torturer of 15 years without a promotion. His bitterness towards this fact bas made him infertile and his wife Indith bore him no children. David's frustration and indifference to inflicting pain is evident when he beats Shadeed, trying to get a

"He started beating the terrorist up when the officer told him to. Teach the bastard how to behave in the future, if he had a future. He did his job mechanically because he knew by heart where to hit to cause the most intense pain. It came with experience. When he was a green soldier, the idea of inflicting pain had terrified him, then he got used to it. He liked to do a clean job and watch the colour of the prisoner's skin change from red-crimson-purple to indigo. When the left side of the body became a mixture of black colour all over."

David's bitterness towards his new home appears in one scene while working in his garden: "He held the shovel and tried to flatten the ground to its former shape. He raised his hand and hit. The frightened eyes of the terrorist were mingled with the soil. Pleading? Begging?" David is also very inferior to the earth: "The fresh flowers and

clean roads of Zawichest in Poland flashed in his mind. Tendrils of pink rose trees climbed the white walls of his village. He had tried them in his garden, but the soil was too salty and needed a lot of

thin line through the minefield

By Stella Charbit

SINCE THE start of the Palestinian nprising in the Israeli-occupied territories, the media have been seen as a crucial factor m the conflict by both Israelis and Palestinians. In Israel, some leader-writers lament, the way in which the Shamir government often appears more worried by the media image of the problem than by the problem itself. Other newspapers echo the view that

the media are the problem. This was the argument put hy the Hebrew paper Yediot Ahronot, which wrote at the time of Marek Goulding's visit from the United Nations: "The rioters (ENTAL BACK) have learned to appreciate the importance of images on world public opinion. The proof lies in the 'performances' they put on spontaneously each time media representatives or guests from abroad appear."

The debate about whether the presence of the press incites trouble was lessened somewhat as the uprising has become more prolonged and visibly more organised, but one issue still continually raised is that of foreign media coverage, frequently ac-cused of bias. Yet reporter Daniel Gavron, after a close look at British media coverage during visit to England in January, found that, far from being anti-Israel, it had underplayed the crisis: "For the first time in my 26 years in Israel, I returned home to find the situation worse than it looked from abroad."

Concern over growing anti-Israeli feeling abroad has led to repeated calls for curbs on television reporting. At a conference on free speech in December, President Herzog, while not advocating such curbs, pointed out that both Britain and the USA had closely restricted press coverage of military campaigns in luctance to see what was going ment", the actual result is to

the Falklands and Grenada. South Africa's methods of

media control also invite comparisons. In a recent article rejecting parallels between Israel and South Africa, Rabbi Jacoh Chiniz nevertheless noted that "South Africa has cured its television problem by expelling cameras from problematic areas", while "Israel subjects itself to an orgy of democratic masochism."



New Year greetings cartoon censored by Israeli authorities for Palestinian

The experience of journalists receiving rough treatment from the army at trouble spots or being turned back by military "Closed area" orders mark the limits to any "orgy" of democracy. Yet the Israeli press itself does go over and over the issues, in what one paper called "masochistic introspection". It has widened the debate to the point at which a Jerusalem Post interview with the PLO's Paris representative, Ibrahim Souss, unthinkable only a short time ago, hardly raised an

At the start of the uprising, the overtones, are subject, literally, Jerusalem Post leader-writer to the censor's rubber stamp. Yehnda Litani, wrote with heavy irony about the widespread re-

tinued, we would bave been spared the ugly scenes from the Gaza Strip and the West Bank... We could have watched it all on Jordanian TV and concluded that it was all 'Arab propaganda'." In an attempt to improve rela-

tions between the foreign pressand the army, the Israeb authorities have now opened a military information office in West Jerusalem. While the press corps can hardly be said to be flocking to a total loss of credibility. there, on the other side of the green line the Palestinian press office, PPS, which supplies a daily news round-up to foreign agen-cies, has a constant flow of foreign journalists visiting its East Jerusalem office to find out about the latest trouble spots and bospital arrivals.

But winning the media war is not that easy. On the Gaza Strip, the Arah Press Agency, which saw the foreign press knock at its door in equal if not greater numbers, was closed down on January 25 for a year for "security reasons. In the same week Ariel Sharon called for the closure of PPS and the East Jerusalem Arab

Faced with closures, distribution bans, reporting restrictions (such as a ban on carrying cameras), heavy censorship and ever greater numbers of their staff in prison or under town arrest, the Palestinian media tread a thin line. The most common method of getting a story through the military censorship is to give it to the Israeli press in order to requote it from that source the next day. Not only news items and editorials but also cartoons and crosswords, if the clues are deemed to have "nationalistic"

While the official reason for censorship is to prevent "incite-

on: "What a pity the TV and restrict severely the Palestinian radio strike is over. Had it con-press. There has always been intense debate among Palestinians over whether, as the PPS director Ibrahim Karaeen puts it, "to use the cracks in the wall of occupation to breathe if possible. or to refuse those cracks". The consensus that it is better to go on publishing bas been severely put to the test since the start of the uprising. The East Jerusalem papers are facing restrictions which some editors fear will lead

> In any case, this degree of censorship seems paradoxical when Palestinians have access to Israeli, Jordanian, Lebanese, Syrian or Egyptian television and to a dozen different radio stations. A new challenge bas now

appeared in the form of Al Oods radio, thought to he run by Ahmad Jibril, the general com-mand leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine from southern Syria or from the Syrian-controlled Beka'a Valley in Lebanon.

Throughout the occupied territories, people tune in to the daylong programmes of popular Palestinian nationalist songs interspersed with reports on the

Following the current trend towards "complete unity", the station broadcasts calls for strikes and demonstrations, and warnings to collaborators. But PLO supporters in the territories fear it might play a divisive role in future and hope the PLO will respond with a truly popular radio station of its own as a counterbalance. Current PLO broadcasts, from Baghdad, clash with television viewing times, and the content is not designed for plea-

Just as no one knows where the uprising will lead, no one knows how the media, in this complex scene, will follow - The Guarwater before it was purified."

Though David appears to be very brutal and inhuman, the author gives him a fair chance and depicts him as a man who has also suffered. She also takes him through a transitional stage: When he does not break Shadeed's silence, the interrogator takes the commando to another more inhuman torturer. After emptying a bottle of acid into his anus, Shadeed loses his sanity and "becomes an ant." When David sees what had bappened to the young Palestinian, be begins to change and bumanity takes over, especially that his nightmare about his experiences in World War II start to continuously haunt him.

David comes to terms with himself and decides to quit his joh and live peacefully in a kihbutz. At that stage, he ironically succeeds at finally getting Judith pregnant.

The three noes

In Nisanit — which is a desert flower that takes a strong hold to the ground and cannot be eradicated - socio-political injustice and brutality is not only seen in occupied Palestine but also in the fictitious state Fagir created: The Democratic State of Ishmael, which obviously represents an Arab country. Eman's father is hanged for his opposing political beliefs, she and her family suffer from poverty and she must quit school in order to work with a tailor (an old Armenian lady who is kind to her throughout); Eman, her mother, and her aunt Hanin are ignored by Eman's wealthy uncle by refusing to help the father in paying a lawyer for his defence; Hanin is sexually harassed, the Eman is unjustly accused by ber uncle of being a slut. When Eman visits the occupied territories for the first time and stays in a refugee camp, she finds no difference between her poverty-stricken neighbourhood and the camp. When she becomes an UNRWA teacher in Rahmah, she is told not to discuss the "three noes": sex, politics and religion - to name a few forms of oppression in her country.

Faqir's complex style is what makes her story so powerful. Her use of the stream of consciousness and ber ability to write from such differing points of views makes the reader feel empathy with the characters, regardless of who. She writes from a little girl's point of view, a young woman's, an inferior enemy soldier, a Palestinian fighter, an insane, broken down young man who has been degraded to an ant. Faqir is able to take readers from reality to the deep world of different minds. It takes great imagination (and much research) to be able to write what a person who believes he is an ant thinks and feels.

The anthor uses symbols, metaphores, images and personifications in her descriptions to make the reader understand the importance of themes that run throughout. For example, there is one scene of an old Palestinian woman in the ontskirts of Nablus: "Her embroidered black dress swept the ground, providing a constant contact with the earth,"

Readers who had little contact with Palestinian and Arab culture are able to understand much of it from Nisanit. Faqir constantly mentions cultural aspects through descriptions of clothes, food, ideas, poetry and songs. Verses from popular Palestinian poets and well-known Egyptian singers, for example, are found within a

certain context of ideas in the novel. Sometimes the reader may have to read a few chapters at a time in order not to get so emotionally involved and have the mind full of disturbing thoughts. But the fact that there is also action, not just thoughts, running throughout the novel, keeps one reading until the end. And even at the end of Nisanit, the reader is left empty

Fadia Faqir was born in Amman in 1956 and wrote Nisanit as part of her M.A. programme in creative writing at Lancaster University in England. Because it was written in English, Nisanit provides a strong perspective to English readers of the Arab-Israeli, Arab-Arab conflict, unlike similar books written by Arab writers whose works were translated from Arabic. Because Faqir, a feminist, could not find work in her academic field when she returned to Jordan with her Masters degree, she went back to England to work on her Ph.D in creative writing at the University of East Anglia. As part of Ph.D. she is currently working on her second novel, set in the Jordan Valley in the 1930s, about a bedouin woman fighting for her basic

Randa Habib's

The right investment

IT SEEMS we will never reach a solution for the traffic problem in Jordan. Our country has the second highest rate of road accidents in the Arab World and there are no Indications this sad reality will change in the foreseeable future.

Surely, better roads and wider ones are being built in addition to tunnels and bridges. But this massive investment in improving our roads has not paid off as expected in terms of changing the attitude of reckless or ignorant drivers.

Most people advocate tougher measures and penalties against violators of traffic rules in a way that the cost of such violations is raised to a level that could make many reckless drivers think twice before ignoring traffic rules. This could be one measure but should not be the only one.

But what is the use of tough penalty after a life is lost as a cause of reckless driving. What we need more than higher fines and what I believe is more important than massive investment in roads and

bridges, is an investment in people and their education.

It is less expensive, I think, to invest money in educating our people that they are better off driving safely and to make them aware of the painful cost they may pay as a result of their recklessness. It is also not so expensive to teach our children at school about the horrors of breaking traffic laws. On the other hand, it would be quite helpful in Jordan Television broadcasts less American films showing the hero of the film taking part in a terrorising car chase in residential areas and more films on safe driving. If that was not possible, as most American action films 'must" have car-chasing and crashing scenes, then we should seriously consider censoring these parts of films as I believe their influence on our youngsters is more of a threat to our oves than the parts of being censored now.

Computer games include boss button for players at work

By Gene Emery Reuter

PROVIDENCE, Rhode Island - For those workers who prefer computer game to office tasks, software makers have introduced the "boss button."

If the boss enters an office where a worker is at play, a touch of the boss button replaces the game on the screen with something a little more businesslike like a spreadsheet.

The buttons are already found on several games designed for Macintosb and IBM personal computers popular in offices. Electronic arts, for example, bas the button on products such as world tour golf, golden oldies, grand slam bridge and chessmas-

"They're probably becoming more common," said Alfred Mendes, who manages a computer store in Providence.

And with more and more computers on desks, he said, "more and more people are going to

Access software's bowling game has a boss button and the company's public relations director, Kevin Jones said people had asked to have the button on other

Unfortunately for employees. boss button must be programmed into the original software. not added to a pre-written game. And the computer's internal memory must have room for the

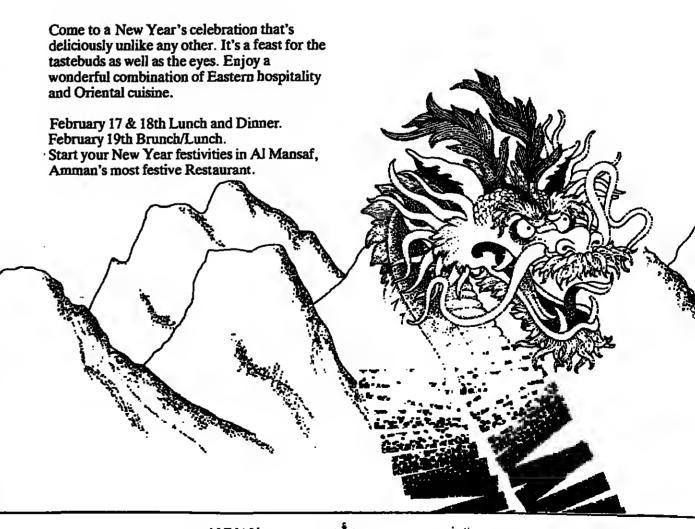
Cramming instructions

As computer games get ever more complex, programmers must fight for the memory space to cram in enough instructions and there is not always enough room left over for a boss hutton. "In the last game we made, we didn't put one in because we were cramming into every nook and cranny of the memory." Jones

And one recent survey indicated that boss buttons may not be necessary - bosses are too busy playing games themselves.

Chinese New Year

It's the year of the Dragon



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Napoli storms over Avellino, rises 5 points clear of Milan

ROME (R) — Unstoppable Napoli stormed to a 4-0 win over Avellino Sunday, sending it five points clear at the top of the Italian First Division.

But second-placed A.C. Milan did not have such a happy time, struggling to win a point at lowly Ascoli after European Footballer of the Year Ruud Gullit was sent off in the eighth minute.

Napoli sealed their latest win in a five-minute spell in the first half. Alessandro Renica headed home the first goal in the 17th minute and two minutes later defender Giovanni Francini scored with a fine shot from just outside the penalty area.

Then it was captain Diego Maradona's turn to show his brilhance. Taking the ball almost from the halfway line in the 22nd minute, he dribbled past several Avellino players before curling the ball around a wall of defenders into the net.

It was the Argentine captain's

12th league goal this season. He heads the goalscorers' list, four a cross by Carlo Ancelotti. clear of team-mate Careca.

In the second half Napoli relaxed, but were still too strong for struggling Avellino and in the 66th minute Francesco Romano scored their fourth.

An uglier match at Ascoli saw

both teams reduced to 10 men. Gullit, Milan's Dutch international, fouled Flavio Destro early in the match, was shown a yellow card and started to clap ironically at the referee. He was sent off and could face a two-match sus-

Ascoli failed to take advantage of Gullit's dismissal until two minutes after halftime when Destro slipped through the defence and knocked the ball bome. tles at home and refused to cheer or encourage their side.

Domenico Agostino was dismissed after two warnings for fouls and Milan rubbed salt into the wound soon after when midfielder Daniele Massaro scored from

Roma, in third place in the league, drew 1-1 at Pisa while fourth-placed Sampdoria showed new spirit after a series of disappointing games with a 3-0 win over Como. Pietro Vierchowod opened the scoring in the 21st minute, West German Hans-Peter Briegel made it two in the 63rd and winger Gianluca Vialli hit the third in the 76th.

Fiorentina, struggling to escape the relegation zone, failed to draw any response from their fans in the colourless 0-0 draw at bome to bottom club Empoli.

The fans, dismayed at their team's poor results recently, left all their banners, flags and whisor encourage their side.

Race begins in earnest for gold at Winter Olympics at Calgary

Winds force

postponement

of downhill event

CALGARY (R) — High winds

forced the postponement Sun-day of the men's Olympic dow-

nhill, first event of the Alpine

skiing programme, race orga-

pisers said. The race jury called

CALGARY (AP) — The race for Olympic gold was to begin in earnest Sunday when the first medals of the Winter Games were to be awarded.

ROMANIANS TROUNCE AL JEZIRA:

The ASA Club of Romania beat Jordan's Al Jezira Club 3-0 in a friendly soccer match played at

Sunday's medal events were the women's 10-kilometre crosscountry, the men's downhill ski race, the 70-metre ski jump and men's 500-metre speed skating. Continued cold temperatures

were forecast for Sunday before a return Monday of the warm chinook ("snow eater") winds that softened luge and cross-country courses and buffeted downhill skiers in the days leading up to

Speed skating was being held indoors for the first time in Olympic competition. Without the vagaries of wind, many records were expected to fall.

The first record to be challenged was the 500-metre mark Nick Thometz of the United States set last year.

Thometz was among the favourites under the slanting roof of the Olympic Oval. On the eve of the race, he said he did not think Sunday's time would be

off the event after initially delaying the scheduled start by an shaped up between two Swiss aces — 30-year-old Peter Mueller

Mueller bettered Zurbriggen by 23-hundredths of a second Saturday in the fifth and final training run. Mueller clocked in at 2 minutes, 0.03 seconds, his best training time.

and 25-year-old Pirmin Zurbrig-

gen, the world cup leader.

The Canmore cross-country course, to the northwest of Mount Allan, is rated as one of the world's toughest.

Marja-Liisa Kirvesniemi of Finland, the 32-year-old defending champion, finds the first uphill stretch to be "especially de-manding" as she sought to repeat her gold-medal performance at Sarajevo, where she won all three individual races.

Closer to Calgary — at Canada Olympic Park — defending gold medallist Jens Weissflog of East Germany faced a tough challenge on the 70-metre hill from Matti Nykanen, the "flying Finn."

opening of the 15th Winter Games Saturday - the choice of capes that formed a backdrop of a 12-year-old "future Olympian" to light the Olympic flame and the estimated two hillion televi-

Czechoslovakia in ice hockey. No surprise was the 5-0 romp by the Soviet Union, the defending champion, over Norway in other Group B ice hockey action. The United States, the 1980 Olympic champion, scored 10 goals in defeating 12th seeded Austria, hut allowed six in return.

Amman stadium Sunday. Photo shows three Jezira

players trying to flank an ASA striker who scored the first goal (Photo by Yousef Al 'Allan)

Departing from the usual practice of picking well-known Olympic athletes, the organisers of the Calgary Games caused a stir among the 60,000 spectators at the opening ceremony by sending out Robyn Perry, a local seventhgrade pupil, to carry the Olympic torch the final distance, up 76 steps to a cauldron atop the north end of McMahon Stadium.

The Olympic flame shot three metres into the air as soon as the girl touched her torch to a natural-gas valve on the cauldron.

Grand opening

Some 1,600 athletes representing a record 57 countries - from the lone cross-country skier from Fiji to the 322-member U.S. contingent - marched into McMahon Stadium on an overcast Saturday afternoon to launch the 16-day games, the biggest, longest and most lavish ever.

Governor-General Jeanne Sauve, Canada's head of state, officially declared the games open. But she flubbed her lines. She opened the "15th Olympic Games" rather than the "15th Olympie Winter Games." Her slip went unnoticed by the 60,000 Two surprises marked the spectators shivering under the white, red, hlue, green and hlack

Edberg beats Mecir to win Nabisco Grand Prix

ROTTERDAM (AP) - Swede Stefan Edberg won the 1988 Nabisco Grand Prix tennis tournament for the second consecutive year by defeating Miloslav Mecir of Czechoslovakia 7-6 (7-5), 6-2:

Edberg, 22, earned the \$32,500 first prize by steadily hammering the Czech's defences in a twohour match marked by a gruelling first set and a walkover second.

The Swede, who defeated American ace John McEnroe in last year's finals, was the first to lose a service game after only 20 minutes of play.

But although he succeeded in stealing Mecir's next service game, Edberg lost the first set's seventh game again, and defeat was only staved off because Mecir failed to cash in on four set points in the ninth and 10th game.

Edberg, fighting like a lion, forced a breakpoint in that game, and took an early 3-0 lead in the set's tie break, which be eventually won 7-5.

The 7-6 loss of the first set appeared to be a severe hlow to the morale of Mecir, who won his first Grand Prix victory in 1985 by defeating Swiss player Jakob

The Czech's defences crumbled as Edberg's form rapidly improved, and the Swede managed



to haul in the only love game of the match with the second set barely five minutes old.

The death knell sounded for Mecir in the fifth game, when Edberg forced a breakthrough in only three minutes.

The Swedish ace then took another game in quick stride, and after Mecir lost his next service game again, it took Edberg another two minutes to finish the job, cheered on by the 9,000strong capacity crowd in the Ahoy Sports Emporium.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Two Omani soccer referees die

MUSCAT (AP) — Two international qualified Omani referees died in a car crash this weekend, leaving the sultanate with only one referee acknowledged by the World Soccer Federation (FIFA), an Oman Foothall Association (OFA) official said Sunday. The two died when their car overturned into a valley while on their way to a referee training camp in the coastal town of Sur, 340 kilometres sontheast of the capital Muscat Saturday. Referee Abu Wahid, 44, who was to officiate at the Seoul Olympics, died instantly, and FIFA colleague Hamed Hamdan, 38. died later in hospital. The driver and a third passenger, Sudanese referee Hassan Abdul Hafidh, were also killed. Hafidh joined the OFA less than three weeks ago. By a twist of fate, the camp had been organised because of the shortage of Omani referees. An OFA spokesman said Sunday eyewitnesses saw a front tyre blow out and the referees's car skid into a roadside pole before overturning. Oman's now sole remaining FIFA referee Mohammad Saleh was waiting for them at Sur. Oman, with a population 1.5 million, has 60 football clubs making soccer the most popular sport in the country.

Bangladesh cancels cricket tournament

DHAKA (R) - Bangladesh said Sunday it was cancelling the limited overs Asia Cup cricket tournament scheduled at the end of the month because the Indian team has pulled out. "We are cancelling this most popular fixture with great regret," Anisul Islam Mahmud, president of the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB), said. He said Bangladesh was also asking the Asian Cricket Conference to fix a new date for the tournament some time in October. "We still don't want to miss the show." Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh were to have played in the week-long tournament beginning on Feb. 22, hut India decided not to send its team because of current political unrest in

Orser — Canada's best bet at Calgary

CALGARY (R) — If Brian Orser's psychologist is to be believed, the Canadian world champion is a cast iron certainty to win the men's Olympic figure skating gold next Saturday.

"I think he's stronger right now than he was when he won the world title in Cincinnati last year," Peter Jensen said Saturday, referring to Orser's triumph which ended three successive second place finisbes behind three different skaters. Iensen said Orser had virtually

forgotten the near disaster he suffered in the Canadian championships last month when he fell twice during the free programme but recovered to win the crown for the ninth time. "Letting go of the past and

being in the present is part of his policy," Jensen said. "Besides, no one stood up on the ice that Orser, 26, has explained that

fully on that night in British Columbia. "By body was there but my mind was in Calgary. I've left that behind me now," be said after his

be was unable to concentrate

first practice here Saturday. Orser, who later in the day carried Canada's flag into McMahon stadium during the opening ceremony, said he was very pleased with his first practice

"It felt just like Cincinnati." he said. "It went exactly as I wanted it to go. I skated a clean short programme and felt quite re-

Orser looked extremely re-



laxed, chatting to press and spectators during breaks - most skaters never do that - and generally exuding confidence.

"Every day since the nationals has gone better and better, and I intend that to continue right through to the 20th," he said. That is the night when the

medals will be decided — almost certainly by Orser and former world champions Brian Boitano of the U.S. and the Soviet Union's Alexander Fadeyev. The competition itself begins three days earlier with the compulsory

Orser has done everything to boost his chances of victory including going to Jensen for belp after squandering a chance to claim the world title a year earlier

in Geneva when - as last month be twice fell on his speciality, the triple axel.

Together they have worked hard on the mental aspects of

1988 WINTER OLYMPICS

"After that, nothing that could happen during the competition would be a surprise," Orser said.

Later in 1987, Orser repeated his victory over Boitano at the Skate Canada event in the Saddledome which will stage their battle again here.

skating, including a complete "much faster than (the record) simulation last year of a major 36.55, hut it should be someevent with judges and spectators where around there."

His challengers included teammate Dan Jansen, Japan's Akira Kuroiwa and Bae Ki-Tae of Sonth Korea, East Germany's Uwe-Jens Mey and the Soviet Union's Igor Zhelezovsky and Sergei Fokichev.

On the downhill slopes of Mount Allan, more than 90 kilometres away, a classie duel

maple leafs and Olympic rings for West Germany's 2-1 victory over sion viewers worldwide. Baseball is back; teams open training camps this week

Records tumble at U.S. Olympic invitational meet EAST RUTHERFORD (R) — the U.S., who raced on to an

Doina Melinte of Romania set a American indoor record of world record for the women's indoor mile Saturday and gave the most sparkling of a dazzling array of performances at the Olympic invitational athletics

Finishing in four minutes 18.86 seconds, she smashed the world mark of 4:20.5 set by American Mary Decker Slaney in 1982. Kirsty Wade of Britain was second in 4:27.17 and Melinte's compatriot Mitica Jnnghiatu-Constantin third in 4:32.81. In their strong challenges for

world indoor records, Jackie Joyner-Kersee settled for the women's U.S. long jump record of 23 feet ½ inch and Ireland's Marcus O'Sullivan for the world's third fastest mile time of 3:50.94. However, two-time Olympic

gold medal winner Sebastian Coe's U.S. indoor racing debut met with failure when the British runner pulled out of the 3,000 metres with two laps still to go.

Coe had just been lapped by eventual winner Brian Abshire of 7:41.57, when he walked off the banked track. Abshire's time was the second

mark of 7:39.2 set by Belgium's Coe was making his first com-

Achilles tendon forced him to miss the remainder of last Year. One other world indoor best performance belonged to Tim

1,500-metre race walk. Lewis' time of five minntes and 13.53 seconds shattered his own record of 5:17.17 set at this meet last

Compatriot Ed O'Rourke was second in 5:33.11. The world's number one hurd-

ler, American Greg Foster, taking charge of the race after the first hurdle, roared to his sixth 55-metre hurdles U.S. Olympic invitational victory in a time of

fastest bebind the world indoor

petitive racing appearance since last May. An injury to his right

Lewis of the United States in the

By Ben Walker The Associated Press NEW YORK — The Olympics are starting, Michael Jordan is

dominating and Doug Williams is America's latest bero. the best game of all. Who cares? Pitchers and catch-

ers report Thursday. Baseball is back. Spring training begins this week when the world series champion Minnesota Twins and 17 other teams open

with the possibility of another strike in the near future. Steve Garvey is gone. So is player Pete Rose, although he resists the word "retire." Reggie Jackson also may bave taken his

Billy Martin is also back —

again. So is Bob Horner. Along

last big swings. Jack Clark, Kirk Gibson, Dave Parker, Lee Smith, Bob Welch. Phil Bradley, Brett Butler, Danny Jackson, Floyd Bannister and Richard Dotson bave new homes

in the major leagues. Bill Gullickson, Bill Madlock and Doug Decinces have new addresses in Japan.

The New York Mets, Kansas City Royals and Cincinnati Reds have new training sites in Florida. But the Chicago Cubs, now

with manager Don Zimmer leading the hope for their first pennant since 1945, still spend the spring at Cozy Ho Ho Kam Park in Mesa, Arizona.

Some things stay the same in Like the questions that make

spring training so delightful. Who will be this season's top rookies, the hot prospects that seem destined for Cooperstown? Maybe shortstop Kevin Elster

of the Mets. Or Slugger Joey Meyer with Milwaukee. Might be Jack McDowell of the Chicago White Sox. Perhaps Glenallen "Thrill" Hill of Toronto. Who will be the surprise teams

this year? Maybe Oakland, now with Parker, Welch, Matt Young and Don

Baylor. Could be those Los Angeles bluebloods, having added Gibson, Jay Howell, Jesse Orosco, Alfredo Griffin and Mike Davis. "I'm prepared to open a new

chapter in my career and a new era for the Los Angeles Dodgers. I believe they are committed to restoring the winning tradition," Gibson said. "I just enrolled at the University of Lasorda." Gibson left Detroit and signed

given a second chance at free agency hy arbitrator Tom Roberts, who ruled owoers conspired to restrict the market in a three-year, \$4.5-million con-

Two more collusion grievances



tract with the Dodgers after being

filed by the players' union are still pending. There is a chance Tim Raines. Andre Dawson, Jack Morris and Lance Parrish could get the same opportunity as Gibson later this year.

Owners and players are also

griping about other issues, fuelling speculation there will be a strike in 1990 when the basic agreement ends. Both sides are posturing and waiting.

Clark did not wait. He left St. Louis and signed a two-year contract with the New York Yankees, who charged back into the multimillion-dollar free agent sweepstakes.

"I'm coming over here to do some hittin'," Clark said.

Clark will join Martin, in his fifth term in manager, along with Rafael Santana — the only major leaguer ever traded between the New York Teams - Dotson, John Candelaria, Don Slaught and Lee Guetterman at Yankee Stadium, where the fence in leftcentre field has been moved in from 125 metres to 122 metres.

This weekend, snow is covering the field in the Bronx. There is plenty of time before the regular season opens April 4 with St. Louis at Cincinnati and Milwaukee at Baltimore.

For now, the games that matter - even though they don't count - is March 3. That's when Kansas City plays Florida State University in the Grapefruit League opener and the cubs faces Mesa

Community College in the first Cactus League game. The Royals shifted their spring

camp from Fort Myers to Baseball City, a new complex near Orlando. The Reds moved a few kilometres from Tampa to Plant The Mets left St. Petershurg on

the gulf coast to the Port St. Lucie on the Atlantic Ocean side. The Met's first exhibition game March 5 against Los Angeles has been sold out for awhile. Minnesota still works out near

Disney World, perfect for a team that completed a dream season in 1987 by déstroying inside its Decibeldome. The Twins made no major changes in the off-season - a dangerous pattern in the past except in their payroll, which zoomed as Frank Viola, Kirby Puckett, Gary Gaetti and others signed rich new contracts.

"It's important for this club to keep key players from our championship team for a couple of years," Twins General manager Andy Macphail said. That's what all winners say, but

none have made repeat appearances in the world series since the Yankees in 1977-78. The Twins begin that quest Thursday when baseball returns.

AMMAN BACCALAUREATE SCHOOL

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Corporation to expand Aqaba port to meet increasing trade By Sa'd G. Hattar

Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - The exports and imports via Agaba port have increased hy an average of 12 per cent in 1987 over the volume of 1986 and official statistics suggest a further increase in the current year.

Ports Corporation statistics indicated the port would gain further regional prominence as a transit point between Arab countries, especially in the wake of establishing a joint Jordanian-Iraqi-Egyptian company with a capital of JD 50 millioo.

The corporation's Director General Eid Al Fayez told the Jordan Times recently that the volume of imports via the sea port soared from 7,153,240 tonnes in 1986 to 8,743,749 tonnes in 1987.

The exports hit a record high of 11,271,622 tonnes with an increase of 1,574,234 tonnes over the previous year, Fayez said, adding that export expectations for the current year were likely to hit the region of 13,000,000 million tonnes while imports were set at 9,500,000

Fayez said the oumber of truck shipments from the port to Iraq was 158,882 during 1987 while domestic trucking to Amman and other Jordanian cities registered 89,586.

The corporation's director general ruled out the prospects of a diminishing momentum at the port should the Iran-Iraq war ends and added that Baghdad would further depend on the port to import building materials for its post-war development projects.

Fayez outlined a oumber of future projects designed to expand the port's capacity including the construction of three general cargo berths at a cost of JD 17 millioo, building a new storage area and promoting the port's communications and coastal station at a cost of

Gaining importance as Jordan's sole maritime outlet oo the oorthern Red Sea tip in the aftermath of the 1967 war, Agaba grew to become one of the largest Middle Eastern transit ports in late 70's and early 80's, giving added significance to a strong Jordanian land transport fleet running approximately 20,000 private and public

As the world's third biggest phosphates exporter, Jordan mainly exports rock phosphates, cement, potash, fertilisers and other

AMMAN FINANCIAL MARKET

AMMAN (J.T.) — The volume of shares traded Sunday surged to JD 901,804 with a total of 705,537 sbares changing bands. In terms of the oumber of shares, Petra Enterprises and Leasing Equipments led with 263,724 shares followed by Jordan Lime and Silicate Brick Industries for 76,500 shares and Universal Chemical Industries for 55,480 shares. In terms of volume, Jordan Petroleum Refinery starred with highest amount of JD 287,386 although the trading involved 41,040 shares and the price slipped slightly from an opening of JD 7.150 to a closing of JD 7.100. Some shares traded at JD 7.000 during the sessioo. Universal Chemical Industries recorded a total of JD 110,971 while Chemical Industries stood at JD 75,790. No big price fluctuations occurred except for National Steel Industries whose share price went up from JD 2,660 to JD 2,750 and the Jordan French Insurance whose share price jumped from JD 6.250 to JD 6.400. The price of the Arab Bank sbare also declined from JD 121.000 to JD 120,500. A total of 46 companies were involved in trading

FORECAST FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1988

YOUR HOROSCOPE

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Start this week on a constructive note by organizing your affairs and sorting out problems which could slow you down. Be sure you don't

act rashly in making any important decisions this evening. ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Steer clear of e friend who can get under your skin at times. Don't force any situations which could jeopardize your financial security.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) It is most important that you use tact and diplomacy in any public matters today. Don't let a oew friend changa your methods of operation. GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Be

sure to keep any promises you have made. New projects can go quite wall at this time if you plan them carefully in advance.
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MOON CHILDREN (Inna 22 to Jul. 21) A civic matter may not go as you had planned, but be patient and follow through. Show your mate how loyel you are.

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your week's work tonight. Try to maintain harmony at home. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) It is to any new acquaiotances today. Do whatever your family desires and make them very happy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Private matters may take op most of your time today, but don't let

them keep you from handling an important business arrangement.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19)

Keep that plan for gaining greater success confidential. Do something

which your mate enjoys, even though you have other preferences. PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) You

have been hanging on to the past lor too long; try to understand how modern methods can help you. Be sure to drive carefully.

Doo't he in a hurry to answer let-ters or other communications this morning, as you may have to con-tend with a tense situation at home. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You can handle your career work better if you pey more attention to details. Set up a oaw hudget which will suit your needs better. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)

Turkey's economic miracle stumbles on many fronts

ness expects further austerity measures this week as the govern-Minister Turgut Ozal's economic miracle on course.

Rampant inflatioo, overheated growth and a run oo the Turkish lira may force the government to revise its draft 1988 budget due to be debated in parliament Monday, bankers say.

Extra taxes to finance the budget deficit and a squeeze on liquidity to dampen inflatioo are expected, but in any case economists predict that the economy is in for a rough ride.

"We bave made... mistakes," Ozal told members of his centreright Motherland Party last Tuesday, saying it might take two years to regain economic sta-

Opposition leader Erdal Incou told reporters Turkey is already "back where it started", in 1980 when Ozal, then a bureaucrat, was given charge of the ecocomy.

Diplomats are pessimistic but few would go that far. Ozal's new roads, telephones, tourist facilities, a trade boom and financial advances have changed the face

But Ozal's promises of more economic liberalisation, partly aimed to support Turkey's application to join the European Community, bave unravelled only three mooths after the Motherland Party won geoeral elections.

- Instead of a "reasonable" level, inflatioo hit an annual 60 per cent in January, but far the highest rate since 1980.

 A privatisation programme to sell off the big state sector is months behind schedule.

- Plans to float the lira bave been postpooed indefinitely after it dropped 23 per cent against the dollar in January.

- A Feb. 4 package of decrees to support the currency oot only failed but also set back significant progress under Ozal towards free market practices.

- The February package sent up industry's cost of loans to 120 per cent and badly hit trade, a major vehicle of Turkey's ecooomic success and its ability to pay off its foreign debt.

'Economy in crisis'

Explaining the measures oo national televisioo, Central Bank

Governor Rusdo Saracoglo talked of an "economy in crisis." Saracoglu is a sworn enemy of inflation and has won key progrowth state ministers Adnan

ISTANBUL (R) - Turkish busi- premier's brother, round to his point of view.

'We missed the train for free ment struggles to keep Prime interest rates last summer. The target now is to catch it again," Yusuf Ozal told Milliyet newspaper last week.

The prime minister recently confirmed Saracoglu's ascendancy by giving the U.S.-trained technocrat cootrol of interest

A draft of the 1988 hudget released last week showed little sign of further austerity measures but Turkish busioessmeo say some quick action must be takeo.

"If urgent measures are oot taken, many of our members will go bankrupt," the Aegean Chamber of Commerce said last week.

In the draft budget, gross oational prodoct growth target was lowered to five per cent, compared to 6.8 per cent in 1987 and eight per cent in 1986, and the inflation target was set at 33

But overall budget speoding was set to rise 59 per ceot compared to 1987 and incloded a 2,427 billion lira (\$2.1 billion)

"The 33 per ceot target is impossible to keep," Istanbul professor Erdogan Alkin told an ecocomic seminar.

New investments have already been sharply curtailed, but obstacles in the way of austerity inclode long-term investments that cannot be cut off abruptly and the oced to service the foreign debt, oow estimated at \$37 billion.

The draft budget earmarked more than half its spending oo debt - some \$6.7 billion is needed in 1988 - and the Feb. 4 decrees were seen hy some as a signal that the ceotral bank urgently oeeded bard curreocy.

The government may have difficulty this year in paying foreign deht," Sarik Tara, president of the board of the Enka A.S. trading company, told an Istanbul

The central bank plans to take 1,000 billioo lira — seven per cent of the broad M-2 money supply - out of circulation in three weeks after Feb. 18, Finansbank A.S. Geoeral Manager Husnu Ozyegio said at the same

Ozal, who has set about ecooomic reforms with missiooary zeal since the Motherland Party came to power in 1983, has kept quiet about the crisis and husy with diplomacy.

The prime minister is oow in Egypt on the first of a series of visits to Iran, Libya and Italy following his successful January Kahveci and Yusuf Ozal, the rapprochement with Greece.

Arabian Oil Co. boosts profit

RIYADH (OPECNA) - The Arabiao Oil Company, a joint Saudi-Japanese venture operating out of the kingdom's Neotral Zone, has reported a 1987 net profit of \$576.16 million, an increase of 37.4 per cent over the earlier year. The company said it had sold oearly six per ceot more oil during the year than in 1986, with 53.4 per cent of the sales to Japan, compared with 80.3 per cent the year before, reported the Saudi Press Agency (SPA).

It may have

been dark...

Tunisia seeks to lure foreign capital

TUNIS (R) — Backed by a surge of business confidence since the removal from power of Habib Bourguiba last November, Tunisia is now planning to attract international investors by opening up its stock market.

Central Bank Governor Ismail Khelil told Reuters foreign companies and international banks would soon be allowed to trade freely oo the country's small stock exchange where some 60 state-owned firms would he privatised.

"Our aim is to attract more capital and foreign investment in our companies," be said in an interview at the weekend.

Khelil foresaw few problems in attracting about \$250 million of private investment in 1988 which is oeeded to develop an aggressive export-orientated industry designed to equip the country for the future wheo oil productioo declines.

He said there had been a marked return of business confidence since the ageing Bourguiba was replaced by President Zine Al Abidine Ibn Ah.

Citibank to set up branch

This bad now spread to the international community and was

highlighted by a new willingness for Western banks to lend money to investment projects and by the recent decision of U.S. bank Citibank International to set up a branch in Tunisia.

"This is a very direct sign of confidence. At a time when U.S. banks are shying away from the Third World, this is a big step,"

Domestically, he said an amnesty for those who bad evaded tax, or broken foreign exchange regulations, and measures to end bureaucratic bottlenecks had revived the confidence of the business community and spurred economic growth in 1987 f 5.5 per ceot.

Before November the situatioo bad oot been very clear, and the political climate was not very good. After November, we took measures to improve the business environment," he said.

He added foreigners bad already takeo stakes in botels and textile companies sold off by the state and plans to open up the

country's once-heavily protected ment," he said. economy to outside competition would now gather speed.

But the owlish-looking Khelil, who as finance minister under Bourguiba drew up the current economic strategy, ruled out the lifting of foreign exchange cootrols before 1991 — the end of the present five-year plan.

A man who has won a reputation with international bankers as an astute economist, Khelil stressed time and again the "stage hy stage" oature of reforms.

"It is a long process — we have to go carefully. This policy has its price. Many of our companies have been hurt, they were protected before, so we are walking on a tightrope, but this is the only way," he said.

Khelil said one of the main aims of a liberalisation programme sponsored by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank was to make the country's stock exchange more dynamic. Only 47 companies were listed last year.

"We are really trying now to create an active bourse in order to make it one of the main instruments of our privatisation plans. We cannot increase our borrowing beyond certain limits and must attract direct invest-

Khelil cannot mask his delight with Tunisia's surprisingly good economic performance last year which has won plaudits from IMF experts.

"We have an IMF delegation here at the momeot and apparently all the targets were reached last year and they are very happy. They are oow coosidering an extended facility." he

The 5.5 per cent economic growth last year compares with negative growth of ooe per cent in 1986. Although total foreign debt remains high for the country at some \$6 billioo, borrowing was also lower than expected at around \$1 billion.

Khelil believes the economy has turned the corner since a severe cash shortage prompted by dwindling oil reserves forced it to turn to the IMF and World Bank for the first time in 1986.

'We are oot out of the woods yet... but it was a really good performance in 1987 — the first year of our adjustment programme. We reduced our fiscal deficit, our current account deficit, imported less and improved exports. Oo all froots we had very good results," be said.

Analysts expect dollar to strengthen

TOKYO (R) — Brokers and firmer this week, ranging beanalysts, cheered by news of a tween about 130 year and 133 year. analysts, cheered by oews of a smaller than expected U.S. trade deficit in December, expect Pacific markets to react favourably this week.

The U.S. government Friday announced that imports exceeded exports by \$12.20 billion in December, down from \$13.22 billioo in November and a record \$17.63 billion in October.

"It's a very good figure," said Stephen Codrington, bead of the equities department of Jardine Fleming (Securities) Co. Ltd. in Tokyo.

"I imagine the markets would be taking it quite favourably" this week, be said. Codringtoo said be believed

Tokyo market participants are gaining confidence that the U.S. trade imbalance situation is im-Koichi Oka, chief customer

dealer at Fuji Bank, was optimistic that the dollar would trade

MAZATLAN, Mexico (R) — Mexico's new plan for debt relief

could be extended to some other

Latin American debtors such as

Colombia and Venezuela if it

proves a success, U.S. Treasury

Secretary James Baker said

Baker, who accompanied Pres-

ideot Reagan oo a four-hour visit

bere for talks with Mexican Presi-

dent Miguel De La Madrid, said

the bond scheme was discussed

eration could be given to extend-

One thing, however,

was for sure..

It was night.

"If the plan is a success, consid-

hy the two leaders.

Saturday.

"Sentiment is very bullish (on the dollar)," he said,

He was cautious saying, "the last two months (the U.S. trade deficit) may be down, but the oext two months it may be op. We have to be careful."

In New York Friday, the trade figures buoyed stock prices although trading was only moderately active.

The Dow Jones industrial average advanced 21.72 to 1983.26, with volume at 177 million Hong Kong foreign exchange

dealers expected the dollar to move within a slightly higher range during the week, but said much depended on the Japanese January trade data to be released late Monday.

If the Japanese trade, surplus turned out to be around \$2 billion against \$4.3 hillion a year ago, the dollar could easily breach 132 yen and head for 135 in the near the market by mid-year.

ing it to other countries with sufficient foreign reserves," Bak-

er told Reuters after the meet-

In a luoch speech earlier, Reagan praised a plan launched by

Mexico last December to swap

part of its \$103 billion foreign

debt for oew boods, describing it

as an incovative new scheme to

tackle the 51/2 year debt crisis.

Mexico has offered to issue

creditor hanks up to \$10 billioo in

bonds in exchange for existing

debt, backed by treasury zero

coupon bonds to be issued spe-

Baker highlights Mexico debt scheme

term, possibly during the week they said.

"I tend to think the dollar has bottomed oot, but 1 am still cautious," said a dealer with a British merchant bank

"It depends on the Federal Reserve being oot too loose in its credit policy," be said.
For the week Hong Kong deal-

ers generally expected the dollar to trade between 129 and 132 yen and between 1.68 and 1.7250 Australian market analysts said they expected a positive reaction

to the latest trade figures and that it was possible that interest rates would edge down. They warned that the U.S. trade situation remained volatile and that the trade figures for the

traditionally lower first quarter would be key indicators. However, the analysts believed that the longer term prospects were improving and that this would be reflected in an upturn in

cially by Washington and ac-

quired by the Mexican govern-

Depending on the price bid by banks for the bonds at an auction

on Feb. 26, Mexico could retire

up to \$20 billioo of its foreign

debt. Its debt currently sells for

around 50 per ceot on secondary

ment from its reserves.

Fifty per cent of Americans favour tougher

trade barriers NEW YORK (R) - Only balf of Americans favour tougher trade barriers against imports and a large majority believe products from Japan are as good or better than those made in the United States, according to a Newsweek

Fifty per ceot said they favoured trade barriers that would make it more difficult or expensive to sell foreign imports in the United States. That question did not focus oo Asia.

The poll found that 75 per cent of Americans believe products made in Japan were as good or superior to those manufactured in the United States but 54 per cent said Japan had unfair trade policies with the United States.

Asked the same questioos aboot China, Sonth Korea, Taiwan, Singapore and Hong Kong, no more than 42 per cent said those countries made better or as good products and between only 31 per ceot to 39 per cent said they had unfair trade pobcies.

Forty-nine per cent said they believed Japan would be the dominant Asian ecocomic power by the middle of the oext century and 39 per ceot said it was "very or "somewbat" likely it would become an eoemy of the United States.

Fifty-four per cent said it was The deadline for opening bids was originally set for Feb. 19, but very or somewhat likely China would become a U.S. enemy and Mexico exteoded it a week to give 53 per cent said that of South banks more time to respood.

Peanuts



THE Daily Crossword by James Barrick

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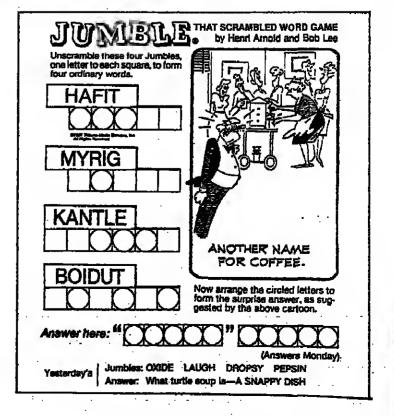
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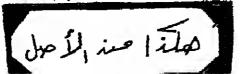












protesters in Dhaka strike

DHAKA (R) — At least 50 people were hurt when rival political groups clashed and police battled stone-throwing protesters during the latest general strike in Bangladesh Sunday.

The official BSS news agency said sporadic clashes, linked to Wednesday's rural election carnage in which 150 people died, took place in four districts across the country.

BSS gave no casualty figures. hnt residents said at least 35 people were injured when rival groups attacked each other in revenge for last Wednesday's vio-

In Dhaka, at least 15 people were hurt when protesters, throwing stones, fought police after police dispersed an antigovernment march in an old residential area.

Shops and offices in most towns in Bangladesh were closed during the 12-hour strike. Some pedal rickshaws and government buses moved in otherwise empty

Five-bundred government em-

ployees, who walked to their offices despite the stoppage, quit early to protest against what they said was lack of security for them and their families. Their move followed the death

of one of their colleagues, who died from injuries he suffered Saturday when strikers threw bombs at a government bus in which he travelling to work.

Bangladesh President Hossain Mobammad Ershad described the civil servant as the "cruel victim of the consequence of terrorism." The stoppages Saturday and Sunday were the latest in a series

of strikes called by 21 opposition parties aimed at ousting Ershad. The strikes turned into specific protests against election day violence last Wednesday in which more than 150 people were killed, independent witnesses and

the government said. Eight

thousand were miured.

Doctors said two more people died in Dhaka Medical College Hospital Sunday from injuries suffered during the Wednesday

The government said 80 people died, and ordered oewspapers to print only the official death toll to avoid sensationalism, a Home Ministry official said.

BSS quoting police sources said at least 25 people were arrested Sunday across the country while they tried to launch attacks on their political rivals.

Home Minister Abdul Matin said the reprisal attacks were mostly carried out by those who lost the rural elections. He said he expected no large-scale violence because police reinforcements bad already reached the troubled

Opposition leaders described the strike as a sign of no confidence in Ershad, a general who has ruled the country for six years after seizing power in a military

was necessary to fulfil the order

to force out the intruder, but it

was not easy, at the speed of 18 to

20 knots to approach and drive

(them) away," he told Pravda.

Bagdashin did not describe the

Rival groups clash, police battle Democratic presidential candidates go at it in pre-primary debate

shire (R) — The seven Democra-cent. A CBS News poll released tic presidential candidates carved Friday showed Dole had moved each other up Saturday night in a debate just three days before New Hampshire's key first-m-the nation presidential primary.

Opponents jumped on Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis, the undisputed New Hampshire frontrunner, but their strongest: attacks were reserved for one of the two contenders for second place, Missouri Congress-

man Richard Gephardt. Political experts called the debate the fiercest exchange yet between the Democrats, whose campaign for the presidency has been overshadowed by the Republican battle between Vice-President George Bush and Kansas Senator Robert Dolc.

The Republican race was too close to call as Bush's once-commanding lead over the Senate minority leader in New Hampshire polls evaporated after the vice president's shock third-place finish in the Iowa caucuses last

A new ABC News poll showed that Dole had pulled even with

MANCHESTER, New Hamp- their three rivals tied at 12 per marginally ahead of Bush in New Hampshire.

Among the Democratics, the new poli had Dukakis far ahead with 40 per cent. Gephardt, who won in Iowa, and Illinois Senator Paul Simon were tied for second at 16 per cent each.

Black civil rights leader Jessie Jackson stood above the fray at the debate at St. Anselm College, chiding his colleagues for sparring out of "political ambition." Gary Hart slammed Dukakis

for not having an energy policy. The governor snapped back, "if. you had been around this summer you would have heard it."

Dukakis's reference was to Hart's seven-month-long disappearance from the campaign after sex-scandal allegations.

Gephardt accused Simon of questioning his integrity, and then was pummelled by Tennessee Senator Albert Gore and former Arizona Governor Bruce Babbitt for flip-flopping on issues. Simon aimed a few kicks Bush at 29 per cent each with of his own at Gephardt.

Babbitt said the debate got bogged down in bickering because the three front-runners in the polls - Dukakis, Gephardt and Simon - did not have an. agenda to spell out.

At one point in the debate, Babbitt accused Gephardt of making "not a flip-flop but a triple-back somersault with a half twist on the issues."

Gephardt was savaged by his opponents for changing his stands on several issues and then complaining about Simon television spots that he said questioned his

Simon responded by defending the adverts and asking, "which is the real Dick Gephardt?"

Gore wondered why Gephardt was so distressed over an ex-amination of his record. "What Paul Simon has done is just spell ont the record. You ought to answer on substance rather than take it as a personal attack."

Jackson demanded that the candidates discuss their records and not indulge in "tit-for-tat" exchanges. "You bave to have a tough mind and a thick skin to run for president," he said.

Pravda: Soviet ships tried to drive out American vessels

ist Party newspaper Pravda said Sunday that Soviet warships were trying to force American vessels out of Soviet waters when they collided in the Black Sea Friday.

The newspaper said the collisions occurred when the Soviet vessels acted on orders to approach and drive away the U.S. cruiser Yorktown and destroyer Caron.

The Soviet ships "started" forcing out - there is such a term among sailors — the Americans from Soviet territorial waters," Pravda said.

The U.S. Defence Department said Friday that two Soviet frigates had intentionally humped the American ships in two incidents just inside the Soviet 12mile limit. It said neither ship was seriously damaged.

LONDON (AP) — A nuclear

accident was averted with mi-

nutes to spare aboard a British

suhmarine in Scotland last

month, the Observer newspaper

reported Sunday, but the Minis-

try of Defence denied there had

No public announcement bad

Early Sunday, a ministry

spokesman who wouldn't he identified said: "There was no

emergency. There was no possi-

bility of anybody, crew or general

public, being subjected to any

radiation problems. There was a

minor clectrical malfunction, but

no radioactive material was re-

The spokesman said the weekly

was incorrect in claiming a nuc-

lear accident was averted by mi-

The Observer said that on Jan.

been made earlier about the inci-

been a crisis.

Rear-Admiral Nikolai Markov denied Saturday that the Soviet ships had deliberately rammed

the American vessels. He said the collision took place as a result of "dangerous manocuvres" by the American ves-

Pravda quoted the commander of one of the Soviet ships, Vladimir Bagdashin, as saying the Soviet vessels were obeying orders to oust the Americans. "I went on the 16th (radio)

and warned them. They answered that they understood. They did not change their course or speed.

to signal that their course was dangerous," Bagdashin said.
"There was no effect. The deci-

sion had already been taken: It

more U.S. channel, the international . one, bombers LONDON (R) - British Prime We took a position between the ships and the coast and tried

Prayda.

actual collisions.

Britain said

ready to take

Minister Margaret Thatcher is ready to allow up to 60 more American F-111 nnclear-armed bombers to be stationed in Britain after the withdrawal of Americao intermediate-range missiles, the Sunday Times news-

A Defence Ministry spokes-

man told Reuters no decision had been taken on strengthening defences after cruise missiles are removed from two American bases here over the next five

There is a nuclear planning group meeting (of NATO de-fence ministers) in the spring and it is possible this will be one of the things discussed," be added.

North Atlantic Treaty Orga-

nisation (NATO) leaders have expressed fears that December's Soviet-U.S. treaty abolishing nnclear missiles with a range between 500 and 5,500 kilometres could expose weaknesses in Western defences.

The treaty covers only groundlaunched intermediate-range missiles, and would not encompass the F-111s, which are capable of hitting targets in the Soviet Union from their British bases.

Some 150 F-111s are currently

Indian army rounds up Tamil rebels An indefinite curfew imposed an visitors, while all the others BATTICALOA, Sri Lanka (R) Friday in Batticaloa district con-went to the stadium for identifica-

 Indian troops hunting separatist guerrillas in eastern Sri Lanka are ordering Tamil men to the stadinm dominating Batticaloa town centre for interrogation.

Security sources said 19 suspected Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam rebels were detained during a : roundup of 1,500 Tamil men at the stadium Saturday.

tinued as Indian soldiers pressed ahead Sunday with a house-tohouse search through the town. About 1,000 soldiers scoured the eastern side of the lagoon

At a botel they said one man could remain to protect women, children, foreigners and Sri Lank-

which divides the town early

Indian military officials rejected a request from Batticaloa's Roman Catholic bisbop to relax the curfew sufficiently to allow worshipers . to attend mass.

The clergyman's house was searched Friday after Bishop Kingsley Swampillai and other priests were ordered out.

Laotians shoot down Thai plane

BANGKOK (AP) - Laotian gunners reportedly shot down a Thai plane that was on a reconnaissance mission over an embattled border area, state-run Radio Thailand said Sunday

It was the second plane the Thais have reported lost in the battle for remote hills over which hoth countries have claimed sovereignty. An F-5E jet fighteromber was downed on Feh. 1. Thailand has launched fre-

queot air strikes to try to dislodge hundreds of Laotian soldiers entrenched in the hills, astride Thailand's Northern Phitsanulok province and Laos' Sayaboury pro-

The radio said the OV-10 aircraft disappeared Saturday near hill 1428, one of the most fiercely contested areas.

A radio correspondent reporting from Phitsanulok quoted reports that said the plane was flying in Thai airspace when it was hit hy anti-aircraft rounds fired from Laotian territory. The two crewmen parachnted to safety, the reports said.

The Thai government is preparing this week to receive a Laotian military delegation for what would be the first talks on resolving the border dispute, the bloodiest since clashes over three border hamlets in 1984.

Angola agrees to Cuban pullout if UNITA aid ends

LISBON (AP) — The Luanda government is ready to set a timetable for the total withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola if the United States and South Africa agree to halt all aid to the rebel movement UNITA, Angolan' Foreign Minister Afonso Van-Dunen said Saturday.

agency, ANGOP, quoted Van-Dunen as saying Angola and the envoys, according to the ANGOP United States would take up the report, monitored in Lisbon. issue of support for UNITA (National Union for the Total Jorge Risquet, a politburean Independence of Angola) at future negotiating sessions. No dates have been disclosed.

In a separate development Saturday, UNITA claimed it shot down a MiG-21 jetfighter Tuesday and sabotaged a MiG-23 plane that subsequently crashed on takeoff Friday.

The rebels also claimed in a statement distributed in Lisbon they had killed 72 government government to share power.

soldiers and eight Cubans in fighting Feb. 5 to Wednesday and seized 53 weapons in an ambush of a military supply column during the same period.

·Van-Dunen said Angola had agreed in principle to a total withdrawal of an estimated 400.000 Cuban soldiers from The official Angolan news Angola during talks Jan. 28-29 in the capital with U.S. and Cuban

The talks were attended by member of Coba's ruling Communist Party. Angola previously had said it would consider only a partial withdrawal of the Cubans from southern Angola

Cuban soldiers and Soviet-hloc military advisers support Angola in its war against the U.S. and South African-backed UNITA rebels who have been fighting since 1975 to force the Marxist

Several killed in pre-election fighting in southern Philippines

ZAMBOANGA, Philippines (R)

— Several people were killed when heavy fighting broke out for a provincial governor, eight Muslim mayoral candidates on cil seats. the eve of special elections on a remote southern Philippine island, the military said.

An unknown number were also wounded in the clash between supportes of pro-government candidate Maldiza Abdurajik and his woman rival, Riza Tan, outside Maimbung town in Sulu, 128 kilometres southwest of Zam-

boanga City. Troops were rushed to break up the battle but failed to reach the area because of heavy gunfire from the warring groups, one of which was firing mortars, initial

military reports said. The military has deployed five battalions of hattle-hardened

Sunday between followers of two town mayors and scores of coun-Sulu, which has a long tradition of political violence, was among

11 "hot spot" provinces where local elections, held across the Philippines on Jan. 18, were postponed because of tension. Separate fighting also broke out Sunday in the Sulu town of

Luuk between supporters of rival mayoral candidates, but the military said it had quelled the violence there. Suln Provincial Commander

Colonel Romeo Abendan said Sunday's fighting was sparked by intense political rivalries between politicians hacked by armed groups counting the support of several hundred men each.

Black protesters hold fast at Massachusetts university

sachusetts to protest alleged ra- community. cial harassment stockpiled food and sleeping bags Saturday, vowing to stay until their demands are met.

Protesters refused to meet with Chancellor Joseph D. Duffey when he went to the building, New Africa House, Friday afternoon and cancelled a meeting scheduled for Saturday morning.

Duffey said the school would take no reprisals against the protesters. "They're not disrupting anything, yet," he said.
But he declined to outline what

action might be taken if the building is still occupied when school reopens Tuesday.

Rudy Krigger, a protester, said Saturday afternoon there were about 125 minority protesters in the huilding. The students took over the

building Friday after talks with Duffey on a list of demands, which include prosecution of five white students accused of attacking two hlacks after a dormitory party last weekend.

The students also asked Duffey to suspend a campus police officer who arranged a police lineup minority students complained of world series.

AMHERST, Massachusetts (AP) harassment, and called for New — Black students occupying a building at the University of Mas-

But Arthur Hilson, head of the campus police, denied Saturday that any such lineup occurred. The protesters, who have declined to talk publicly, are not affiliated with any group and numbered 150 at the height of the

takeover Friday night. Within hours of receiving the demands Friday, Duffey issued a statement condemning racism and asked campus police to no longer use lineups.

The head of campus police met Saturday with students and hlack community leaders "to line up creature comforts" in case of arrests.

"I want to be prepared to do something in a sensitive, caring and humane way" said Hilson, a black Baptist minister who came to the police department from the career planning office amid criticism of police handling of a 1986 racial clash.

The protesters cited racial tensions that have surfaced at the school since 10 students were injured in a racial clash on Oct. 27, 1986, following the Boston Red Sox loss to the New York of black men after white and Mets in the final game of the

Contra leader denies Panamanian connection

WASHINGTON (AP) — Adolfo Calero, a leader of U.S.-backed guerrillas, in Nicaragua, denied Saturday that his troops trained in Panama or received funds from the Panamanian government.

"We never had anyone training in Panama," Calero said. "I don't know anything about it. We have absolutely nothing to do with Panama, nor with the Panamaman government."

"We have never received any money from Panamanian sources," he said. Calero's comments, in an inter-

view after appealing to a convention of American conservatives to send donations to bis cause, was

his first reaction to congressional testimony Wednesday by a former top Panamanian intelligence officer, Jose I. Blandon.

Blandon told a Senate foreign relations subcommittee that Panama provided military training for the rebels after a 1985 request from then-White House aide Colonel Oliver North.

In addition, General Manuel Antonio Noriega, the Panamanian military leader whose ouster President Ronald Reagan's administration is urging, said last week that he and another former White House aide, Rear Admiral John Poindexter, discussed the possibility of an American invasion of

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Pope deplores aid transfer barriers

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John Paul II Saturday deplored the ease of international arms trafficking and the difficulty in organising food and other humanitarian relief operations. The Pope's remark was in a speech to a group of bishops from Sudan making a periodic visit to the Vatican. John Paul noted the serious refugee problem in Sudan and the African country's need for humanitarian aid. "This whole question manifests the serious imbalance existing within the international community, where it is sometimes difficult or impossible to organise or deliver needed emergency food assistance and set up educational and health 'the Pope said, speaking in English. "... And yet, the trade and shipment of arms knows no frontiers and goes on without limitations," he said.

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Berlin tabloid reports Nazi document theft

WEST BERLIN (R) — Up to 80,000 documents are missing from American-run archives that house millions of Nazi files, and they could have been used to blackmail people, the Berliner Morgenpost newspaper said Sunday. A spokesman for the U.S. mission in West Berlin called the figure speculative but declined to comment further. But he confirmed American officials were working with the divided city's justice department on a criminal inquiry at the Berlin Document Centre and added: "We take our responsibilities at the centre very seriously." The Morgenpost said that over the years sensitive and secret records of some of the Third Reich's most important figures had been stolen from the centre, which is based in a former SS listening post in the quiet West Berlin suburb of Dahlem. The United States has run the archives, which contain some 30 million Nazi Party and SS files and other personnel records, since the end of World War II. "According to the knowledge of West German investigators at least 80,000 in part top secret documents have evidently been distributed around the globe," the newspaper said. It said unnamed people had made millions of dollars by using the stolen Nazi era documents to hlackmail "prominent personalities." It did not elaborate.

Alabama worker's hand reattached

BIRMINGHAM, Alabama (AP) — It could be months before an ironworker learns whether he will regain the use of a hand torn off in an industrial accident and joined to his abdomen for 21/2 months to save it, doctors say. Twelve doctors reattached Mike Thomas' hand to his arm during 22 ½ hours of surgery that ended Friday. Thomas, 31, of Cleveland, Alabama, was in serious condition in an intensive care unit at University Hospital. "To our knowledge, this is the first time a severed limb has been kept (alive) this way in the United States, said hospital spokesman Hank Black. Even if the surgery turns out successful, the nerve damage to the hand was such that Thomas "will never be able to do the type work he did before," said one of the surgeons, Dr. Paul Saner. "Hopefully, we will have a hand which will at least have enough feeling to serve as a helper to Thomas' other hand, and one that is cosmetically superior to a prosthesis" he said. Sauer and another surgeon, Dr. Michael Miller, said it might be months before Thomas learns whether he will be able to use his left hand at all. If the reattachment doesn't work, they said, the hand might have to be amputated. "We think that we can achieve adequate circulation to the hand and that the bone will grow together, but how well the nerves and muscles will regenerate is the question,"
Sauer said. Thomas lost the hand, wrist and a small part of his
forearm when he grabbed a cable to break a 21-metre fall from a girder while he was working at a church Nov. 24. The cable wrapped around his forearm and pulled the hand off.

Former performing arts school burns

NEW YORK (AP) — A five-alarm fire Saturday consumed the landmark high school that inspired the hit movie and TV show "fame," injuring 30 of the 200 firefighters battling the blaze in freezing temperatures and high winds. The third, fourth and fifth loors and a section of the roof of the six-story former High School for the Performing Arts in Manhattan collapsed, forcing officials to pul all firefighters out of the building, said spokesman Efrain Parrilla. Some firefighters were sent back into the building about two hours later, because there was no other way to get to the hlaze, Parrilla said. The fire at what is now Liberty High School near Times Square was declared under control nearly five hours after it was reported, Parrilla said. Four firefighters were sent to hospitals with minor injuries. Parrilla said. Twenty-six others were treated at the scene for sprain, cuts and other minor injuries.

Berlin Film Festival underway

BERLIN (AP) — Thousands of filmgoers packed theatres throughout West Berlin Saturday as the 38th International Berlin Film Festival kicked off its first full day of film showings. More than 60 films were scheduled to be shown Saturday, among them American director Woody Allen's "September" and Oliver Stone's "Wall Street." The festival was officially opened Friday night hy West Berlin Mayor Eberhard Diepgen. The official opening ceremonies were followed by the showing of West German Director Reinhard Hauff's subway musical, 'Line No. 1." The 11-day festival will feature 750 films from 48 countries. Personalities to attend the festival include Cher, Karl Malden, Alec Guiness, Richard Attenborough, Omar Sharif, Jean-Luc Godard, Chuck Berry and Eric Clapton.

Biden recovering from brain surgery

WASHINGTON (AP) - Senator Joseph R. Biden Jr. was alert and talking with family members Saturday after undergoing surgery to correct an aneurysm in an artery supplying blood to his brain. The 45-year-old Delaware Democrat dropped out of a bid for the Democratic presidential nomination last year after being accused of plagiarising speeches from a British politician. Biden was "progressing satisfactorily" Saturday morning, and was "as comfortable as possible," Walter Reed Army Medical Centre spokesman Pete Esker said. Biden underwent a surgical procedure known as a "clipping" to correct the aneurysm, which is a sac formed by local enlargement of the weakened wall of an artery. Pete Smith, an aide to Biden, said Biden was listed in "seriously ill" condition but was expected to suffer no significant aftereffects from the surgery.

Chinese schools fine pupils for love affairs

PEKING (R) — Schools in Hubei have introduced stiff fines for pupils who embark on love affairs which may harm their studies, the China Daily said Saturday. The price of illicit romance at one school in the Central China province is 40 yuan (\$11), nearly two weeks' pay for a Chinese worker, the newspaper said. Teenage couples who stayed out too long together after dark could be fined 15 years (\$4). The fines, also imposed for other misbehaviour, caused "fear and trepidation" among pupils, some of whom had been forced to pay 100 years (\$27) in six months, it said.

Airplane plate thrower jailed

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A man who was apparently dissatisfied with his airplane dinner landed in jail after allegedly throwing his plate at an attendant during a flight. Matthew Wallis, 45, of New York City, was arrested for investigation of misdemeanor battery Thursday when his American Airlines flight arrived at Los Angeles International Airport, said L.A. Police Sergeant Joe Arreads Wallis was placed under citizan's great by flight Arreola. Wallis was placed under citizen'a arrest by flight attendant Sue Roen, 43, of Los Angeles after she was struck by the plate, Arreola said. "The suspect was reportedly angry about the food served to him, and became verbally abusive to the stewardess," Arreola said. No one was reported injured aboard American Flight 209 from New York City, the sergeant said. Wallis was released after paying \$500 in bail, Arreola said.

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The fault led to heat building up in reactor's core, threatening a meltdown, and potential disaster was only averted when two of the crew ran to start up a diesel generator to provide alternative power

for the cooler, the report said. It said there was between 11/2 and 7 minutes for the crew to take action, and one of the two crewmen had to be scrubbed down for 24 hours because he was exposed

to some form of radiation. A meltdown could have released radioactivity contaminating 5,180 square kilometres and had "devastating consequences"

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"In deference to learned counsel's excellent presentation of the facts. East does not contest that declarer performed most creditably. However, we do insist that West is fully to blame for the catastrophe that ensued. Instead of exiting with a low spade after cashing his clubs, West should have played

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"Guilty as charged!"